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THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE CITY'S DRAFT BUDGET

The city's budget lands at council on Thursday. New health initiatives, an expansion to public libraries, taxes, transit and hiring new officers are all on the table. Here's a primer on what to expect.

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1 Health programs

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is considering a one-time \$200,000 investment in mental health awareness. Apart from that, OPH has earmarked another \$600,000 in new programs and initiatives, like infection control in retirement homes, environmental hazards and a reserve fund for aging IT systems at risk of conking out. The majority of the OPH's \$59 million budget will come from provincial coffers.

2 Public transit

OC Transpo is raising its transit tax by 2.5 per cent next year to pay for the light rail transit project, which launches in 2018. It's still unknown whether fare increases will be higher than anticipated, given that OC Transpo is facing an \$11.5-million deficit this year. That will be up for debate at the transit commission, which follows the council meeting today.



3 Library expansion

The Ottawa Public Library is asking for \$3.9 million to launch the early planning stages of a new central branch. However, there isn't room in the OPL's net \$45.4 million budget to totally fund the procurement process, design, financial analysis and other preliminary groundwork. If approved, city reserves would cover \$2.9 million, with the OPL paying the remaining \$1-million. More details have yet to be hashed out over the old Metcalfe Street library's replacement, including the location.



4 Property taxes

It's safe to bet property taxes will stay at two per cent. Mayor Jim Watson has been firm on that campaign promise — even while staring down \$36.3 million in budget pressures in 2016. If the past two years are any indication, city budgets don't predict everything — including balanced books. Last winter's unexpectedly heavy snowfalls fed the public works' a \$17.7 million deficit. A \$22 million water revenue shortfall the previous year also came as a surprise.



5 Police

If the mayor's opinion aligns with the rest of council, the Ottawa Police Service can bank on 25 new officers next year. The police board is also planning to recruit an additional 50 officers by 2018, but will need to convince the mayor it's worth the investment. The 2016 hires will cost the city \$1.3 million.



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CF-18s perform a flyby over the National War Memorial during the Remembrance Day ceremony. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'We remember them'

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sadness mixed with 'sense of hope' at event



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

For a couple of minutes Wednesday morning, it seemed the only sound in downtown Ottawa was the distant chiming of the Peace Tower bells.

A solemn, hushed crowd of more than 35,000 gathered at the National War Memorial for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony.

They were quiet, except for some polite applause, as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Gov. Gen. David Johnston and other dignitaries arrived for the ceremony.

They remained respectfully hushed during the Last Post, and during the 11 a.m. minute of silence that was broken by the lament of a lone bagpiper.

The only other

sounds were the 21-gun salute and, minutes afterward, the roaring flyover of two CF-18 fighter jets.

As the dignitaries laid wreaths in front of the cenotaph, the Ottawa Children's Choir sang a mournful rendition of In Flanders Fields. Diplomats from dozens of countries followed suit, laying wreaths on all sides of the memorial.

The warmest greeting of the crowd was reserved for Sheila Anderson of Yellowknife, this year's Silver Cross Mother, whose son Jonathan Anderson was killed by a roadside bomb in 2007 while serving in Afghanistan.

For many of the top dignitaries present — Trudeau, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr and

Chief of Defence Staff Jonathan Vance among them — it was their first such ceremony in their current roles.

For all the sadness, some said that lent the event a sense of renewal.

"These are always sad and sombre occasions, but I felt that this year there was a sense of hope within it," said Mike Blais, president and founder of Canadian Veterans Advocacy.

Blais, who joined the Canadian Forces in 1977, suffered a serious back injury on a peacekeeping mission in Cyprus in 1984 and was medically released in 1993.

He was among those frustrated with the former government, and met with Trudeau last year about veterans' issues. This year, as one of the veterans greeted by

dignitaries as they left, he got a hug from the new prime minister.

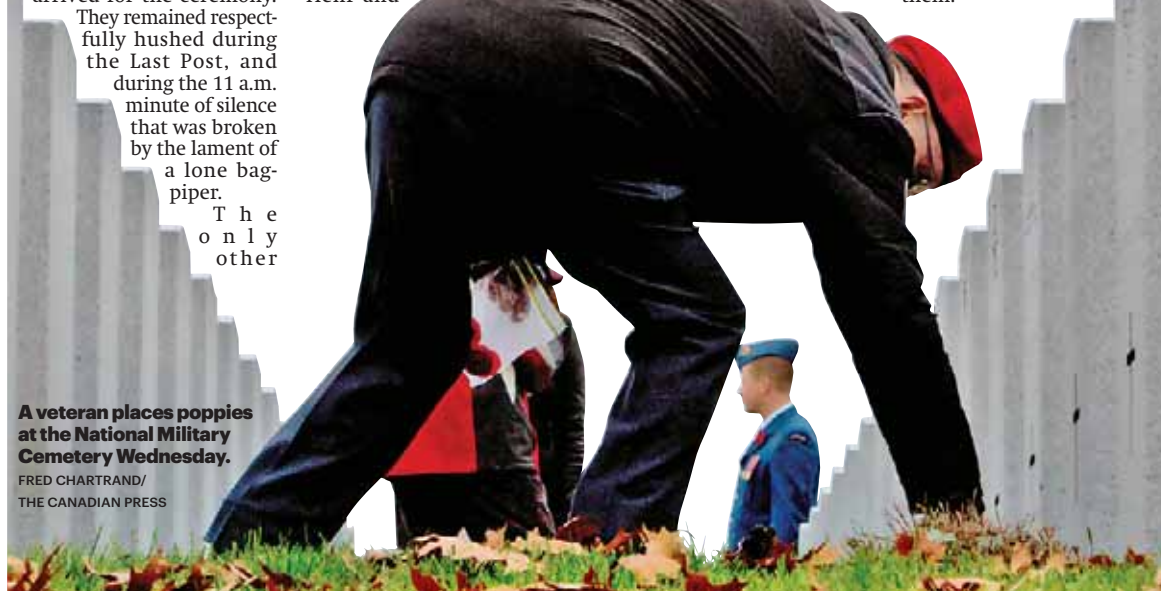
After the ceremony ended and the War Memorial opened to the public, thousands of patient onlookers approached and placed their poppies on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Guy Chapdelaine, the Chaplain General of the Canadian Forces, spoke at the ceremony, saying prayers in English and French.

"In the quiet of our own war-wounded hearts, the echoes of war persist, reverberating with our pain, our deep sorrow, and our loss," he said.

"As time marches on, we refuse that these, Canada's brave daughters and sons, should ever be forgotten.

"We remember them."



A veteran places poppies at the National Military Cemetery Wednesday.

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An artistic rendering of the proposed mixed-use residential and commercial downtown complex. COURTESY CITY OF OTTAWA

Committee green lights new tower

CITY PLANNING

Structure still awaiting council vote for approval



Lucy Scholey
Metro|Ottawa

Council has yet to vote on a 27-storey tower in the downtown core, but one councillor is already hoping it will open doors to a new grocery store in the neighbourhood.

The mixed-use building for the block of Slater, Bay, Lyon and Albert streets passed the planning committee hurdle on Tuesday. There will be room for 300 residential units atop a ground floor retail space, plus 122 parking spaces in an underground garage.

Somerset Coun. Catherine

McKenney wants a grocery or hardware store on that bottom floor, but she acknowledged the committee couldn't compel the owner of a chain to relocate.

It's "no secret that this community would consider this a 'wow' building with a grocery store on the bottom," she told the committee. "It is an amenity that's needed in the community."

Coun. Jan Harder, chair of the planning committee, noted there's already a Sobeys nearby on Metcalfe Street.

The tower would replace a two-storey Alterna Savings building, but neighbour several other high-rise buildings, including the 21-storey "Centretown Place" apartments. Even so, the owner needs a rezoning as the building exceeds the height limit.

McKenney also cited possible cycling and pedestrian issues along Bay Street, which has a bike lane.

The proposal will go to council on Nov. 25 for final approval.

ONTARIO TOURISM

Brew Donkey gets a boost from policy changes



Haley Ritchie
Metro|Ottawa

Ottawa company Brew Donkey is turning two years old this month and is celebrating a policy change by the provincial government after legal issues almost shut down local brewery tours.

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services released a new proposal last week that would allow one-day tour oper-

ators to be exempt from certain rules under the Travel Industry Act.

"It was a great little birthday present," said business owner Brad Campeau. "I'm really excited for the potential of the law changes to benefit small operators like ourselves."

Tours to local breweries make up a large part of the Brew Donkey business, which also delivers craft beer to patrons.

In May, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario threatened

to shut down Campeau, saying tours couldn't continue unless the company registered as a travel agent.

While working on a solution with the community and MPP Yasir Naqvi, Brew Donkey decided to keep tours going and offered them free of charge while seeking donations through crowdfunding.

Later, Campeau found a complicated work-around of asking patrons to buy tours from the Brew Donkey website and

financing the transportation through a separate company with a licence.

The proposed changes to the law would allow Brew Donkey and similar businesses to operate in a more straightforward way.

"Even before we got to the table they were saying this is something we need to get done," he said. "It was challenging but not hard, they were good to work with because they realized there was a problem with the law."

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HOLIDAY SEASON

Signatures seasonal crafts market coming to Ottawa

The Signatures show rolls into Ottawa this weekend, featuring 180 Canadian vendors selling handmade and unique products like jewellery, bath products, fine art, woodworking, ceramics and more.

The crafty seasonal market has been moving across Canada since 1980 — visiting cities in Alberta, Manitoba,

Saskatchewan and Ontario. Vendors will be set up at the Shaw Centre Nov. 11 to Nov. 15.

The show is billed as a great place to begin your holiday shopping. Artists are presenting from across the country but a few very local businesses like Kichesippi Beer and Jack's Tonique will be taking part.

Adult admission is \$10.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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Chief's hands tied in probe of officer

MISCONDUCT

Constable quit with three charges against him



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The abrupt retirement of an Ottawa police officer before the start of a public hearing into his handling of a 2014 sexual-assault investigation is troubling for police chief Charles Bordeleau.

As chief, he oversees charges laid against his officers under the Police Services Act. In this case, Raymond Lamarre, a constable in the Partner Assault Unit, was charged with insubordination, deceit and neglect of duty for how he investigated a woman's sexual-assault case.

But since Lamarre submitted his letter of retirement on Aug. 28, 2015 — the day after

he was served notice requiring him to attend a hearing to face the charges — the hearing did not take place and there is nothing Ottawa police can do.

"If they want to resign or retire I can't force somebody to stay on," Bordeleau said in an interview with Metro.

"There is a level of frustration on my part that I cannot bring that member to account for his or her actions (who), while my employee, we found that there was some misconduct. For me not to be able to conclude that and (to) leave that pending, is frustrating for me."

The case has raised questions about police accountability.

The victim in this case is a woman who alleged her ex-husband sexually assaulted her in her sleep over a three-year period before she left him.

After her case was closed due to lack of evidence to lay a charge, she filed a complaint with the Office of the Independent Police Review Director because she was unsatisfied with the quality of

the police investigation. Now, she is left without answers.

It turns out Bordeleau's hands are tied and he doesn't have any answers, either.

"How do you bring closure to that point where you felt that the officer didn't do their due diligence or didn't do the proper investigation and that you've done the investigation and we lay the charges, yet I can't conclude that?" he said.

"There's no closure there from that perspective. I honestly don't know what the answer is."

He admitted Ottawa officers in the past have left the force to escape a PSA hearing.

"It's fairly rare when those circumstances present themselves, but it has happened. But it's not a regular occurrence," he said.

The victim in this case said Wednesday she didn't want Lamarre to lose his job or quit, but she would have liked an explanation from him and an apology for how he handled her case. And she wants enhanced training for police on sexual assault investigations.



Police chief Charles Bordeleau says once a police officer quits his or her job, it's impossible to hold him or her accountable in a Police Services Act hearing. METRO FILE

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‘Hundreds’ to protest

LABOUR DISPUTE

Taxi drivers from Ontario, Quebec plan to rally in Ottawa



Joe Lofaro
Metro|Ottawa

Locked-out cabbies caught in the middle of the ongoing airport taxi dispute are planning a massive rally on Friday in the hopes of getting the attention of the new federal government.

Unifor national president Jerry Dias said “hundreds and hundreds” of taxi drivers will

fill the streets in the demonstration, although it’s still unclear how it will play out or where they will end up.

“We’re busing in people from across Ontario and Quebec and we are going to have a major demonstration so that the government knows that they can play a role in this,” said Dias, adding that he will be in Ottawa for the protest.

For now, taxi drivers plan to meet at 10 a.m. at the St. Elias Centre in front of Mooney’s Bay Park and then drive en masse to other locations that have yet to be decided.

Airport Taxi YOW drivers have been locked out for three months in the labour dispute that hinges on an increased airport pickup fee.

“We are going to have a major demonstration so that the government knows that they can play a role in this.”

Unifor national president Jerry Dias

CRIME

Police identify suspect in drug-store robbery

Ottawa police say they’ve identified a man who robbed a drug store on Rideau Street.

Police say the man entered a drug store on the 500 block of Rideau Street in early October. He demanded cash and indicated he had a gun, although no

one actually saw a weapon.

The man made off with an undisclosed amount of money. Police didn’t name the man in their news release Wednesday but previously described him as a man with a darker complexion, about five-foot-nine and 180 pounds, with short black hair flecked with grey and a black moustache. METRO

INVESTIGATION

Police probe three shootings in one week

Ottawa police are investigating three shootings this week, which brings the total number of shootings in the capital to 34 this year.

The Ottawa Police Guns and Gangs Unit said it still doesn’t know where the most recent shooting took place. Officers found a 28-year-old man Wednesday morning suffering from a gunshot wound on the Ottawa side of the Alexandra Bridge near St. Patrick Street.

Paramedics say they re-

sponded to a call just after 3 a.m. and treated the man for “penetrating trauma” in his torso. He was sent to hospital in serious but not life-threatening condition.

On Monday, a 16-year-old boy was shot in the back and face near the intersection of Chapel and Besserer Streets in the middle of the afternoon.

The victim reported he had holes in the back of his jacket and a bloody face.

He was sent to the Children’s

Hospital of Eastern Ontario where he was listed in stable condition. Police say he is expected to survive. Investigators are looking for three men fleeing the scene from that shooting, as well as a black Ford Mustang convertible.

A few hours later, police responded to another shooting in the west end at the intersection of Merivale and Baseline Roads.

Police were called to the scene at 5:30 p.m. to a man suffering

34

Number of shootings the city has seen this year

from non life threatening injuries. Police have not made any arrests in all three investigations, which are ongoing. Anyone with information on these investigations is asked to contact police.

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The city hopes getting rid of parking requirements for small-scale grocery stores will help make downtown communities more walkable. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Parking change may bring grocery stores

DEVELOPMENT

Shifting downtown away from car culture

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Food deserts like Centretown and Mechanicsville might finally get local grocery stores, thanks to changing parking rules.

A city report says grocery stores smaller than 1,000 square metres shouldn't have to provide parking if they're along main streets or in certain mixed-use centres, to help create more walkable communities.

Suburban supermarkets are usually much larger than that — up to 9,000 square metres — and since required parking is based on floor space, it becomes al-

most impossible to accommodate them in dense neighbourhoods, said city planner Tim Moerman.

Right now, for example, a 9,000-square metre Superstore has to provide 221 parking spots. A small store like McKeen's Metro in the Glebe, which is about the smallest a full-serve store comes, would need 21.

The issue is leaving supermarket-sized holes in otherwise complete communities. In Little Italy, for example, BIA director Lori Mellor said families are caught in a four-kilometre food desert between Wellington West and Bank Street. It's not especially walkable in either direction, particularly with kids or a week's worth of food.

"Hallelujah," Mellor said of the proposal. "Every week I get an email from a resident saying, 'When are we going to get a grocery store?'"

Without a supermarket, it's nearly impossible to shift downtown living away from car cul-

ture, Moerman said.

"The last straw for people, when they decide to get a car, is 'I've got to get the groceries,'" Moerman said.

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper, who has lobbied for grocery stores in condo developments in his ward, said he supports any policy that removes economic barriers. But he was hesitant to suggest major chains will be lining up to open boutique stores.

"It's a question of whether or not the market is there," he said.

Metro Ontario spokesman Mark Bernhardt said his chain wouldn't comment.

The proposal is part of a larger parking minimums review, which if approved would eliminate parking requirements for small-scale urban development and along rapid transit corridors.

Moerman is accepting feedback at tim.moerman@ottawa.ca until Dec. 18. He expects final recommendations to be tabled next spring.

SPORTS

Marc Dos Santos of Ottawa Fury FC earns NASL coach of the year

Marc Dos Santos of Ottawa Fury FC has been named coach of the year by the North American Soccer League.

Dos Santos led Ottawa to the NASL championship game this weekend against the New York Cosmos.

The Fury topped the league's fall season standings with a 13-1-6 record.

The award was voted on by media and fans.

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EQUALITY

Ontario looking to close gender wage gap



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Labour are in Ottawa today as part of a province-wide initiative to solve the gender wage gap.

The public "town hall" style gathering is taking place at the Cartier Room in the Courtyard Marriott on Dalhousie Street. The event starts at 12 p.m. and runs until 1:30 p.m.

An open forum will follow a

brief presentation, and assistance for childcare expenses is offered.

"Gender wage gaps show that workplace inequalities continue to exist," reads the background summary supplied online. "Over the next several months, we will examine the causes and effects of the gender wage gap on women, of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, across the economic spectrum."

For those not attending a town hall information can also be submitted online at the ministry's website.

Bieber plays Ottawa next May

MUSIC

58-date world junket ahead for pop star



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Brace yourselves, Beliebers. Justin Bieber is coming to town.

The 21-year-old pop superstar is playing the Canadian Tire Centre on Friday, May 13, 2016. It's one of 58 tour dates on the "Purpose" world tour announced Wednesday, 10 of which are in Canada.

After a couple of years of well-documented shenanigans ranging from abandoning his pet monkey in Germany to a Miami DUI case that ended in a plea deal, the Stratford,

Ont., native has embarked on a public road to redemption.

His image rehabilitation project has led to a more mature sound. His collaboration with Skrillex and Diplo, Where Are Ü Now, was critically acclaimed. And What Do You Mean was Bieber's first to reach the top of the Billboard Hot 100.

Tickets go on sale on Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. and are available at capitaltickets.ca.



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BEVERAGES

Homegrown cider becoming a reality



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Beer lovers in Ottawa have plenty of choices if they want to sip local, but what about cider fans who are on the hunt for something homegrown?

For now, the closest brands available are Waupoos from Ontario's Prince Edward County and Coronation Hall Cider Mills in Bristol, Que.

They're close, but not local enough for Andrew Craig, an Ottawa farmer in Ramsayville and food entrepreneur launching his own "Vintage Hard Cider" this month.

"The reality for me when I create a product is I look for what's local. We don't have too many hops farms or barley farms — but we do have a lot of apple orchards," he said. "And don't we have enough beer?"

While eventually he aims to use his own juice, for now his suppliers will be apple orchards in the area — including the birthplace of the McIntosh apple.

"It surprised me that with the long history of apples in this region we don't have a local cider," he said.

Craig knows food. He's a former restaurateur, introduced

specialty black garlic to Canada, has a successful line of chutneys and is founder of the Ottawa Specialty Food Association.

Right now he's crowd-funding \$15,000 to cover start-up costs like commercial fermenters, production equipment, new apple trees and marketing.

The cider is true to its name and his branding features pin-up style woman in a WWII style uniform.

"I wanted that era of hard work to shine through," he said.

Right now, Craig is working on sample batches, trying to find the right balance of sweet and dry. Eventually he plans to change-up the cider market, using different yeasts and labelling batches by apple strains, much like wine.



Farmer/food entrepreneur Andrew Craig CONTRIBUTED

POLITICS

Brown is opposition whip

Interim Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose has named Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MP Gord Brown to the position of chief opposition whip.

The whip maintains party discipline and ensures that members attend the house for debates and votes and handles caucus administration. The whip also consults with his or her peers from the other federal par-

ties on matters such as the schedule for parliamentary business.

Brown was first elected to the House of Commons in 2004 and has been re-elected four times. He has chaired committees and served on interparliamentary associations. "I have promised to assist (Ambrose) in any way I can to help us maintain the rigorous opposition that Canadians expect," he said in a statement. METROLAND MEDIA

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French Catholic school breaks ground

EDUCATION

Facility to take pressure off of overburdened Alain-Fortin

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Construction crews have broken ground on the new French Catholic school in the Avalon area of Orléans.

Politicians and school board executives gathered at the site, located at 665 des Aubépines Dr. in a new portion of Avalon that is still under construction, this week to officially break ground on the project.

The school is scheduled to open late next summer in time

for the 2016-17 school year.

The Avalon area of Orléans has been under constant development over the past few years, with more and more homes being built on the lands off Tenth Line road.

That has meant that the schools in the area quickly hit capacity and had to figure out solutions for all the extra students living in the catchment area every time a new portion

of development was completed.

The English public board is building a new school in the area, which has been referred to as Avalon II, which will open at the same time as the new French Catholic elementary school.

The new French Catholic school will take pressure off Alain-Fortin school, which currently houses 700 students, despite its 464 capacity.

The school built an extension to cope with the overflow of students, but there are still portables. There were times that students had to overflow into the gymnasium or library for classes because there simply wasn't anywhere else for them to go.

The total cost for the project, including land purchase, is \$14.7 million.

The provincial contribution

for the project is \$8.56 million, said Ottawa-Orléans MPP Marie-France Lalonde. The funding announcement for the new school was one of the first announcements she hosted as a newly-elected MPP in August 2014.

The new school will have a daycare with space for 39 children, 16 classrooms, an art room, a special education room, a resource room and a library.

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Residents are invited to learn the next steps of Take Back River Road in Riverside South on Nov. 15. METROLAND MEDIA FILE

RIVER ROAD

Traffic problems to take centre stage

River Road residents trying to take back their road from aggressive speeders, increasing traffic volumes and heavy vehicles are bringing their requests to their area councillors.

The group of residents, which launched a petition in early September to coincide with their "Take Back River Road" campaign, plan to meet with Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans and Gloucester-South Nepean Coun. Michael Qaqish on Nov. 12, ahead of a community meeting in the works for Nov. 15.

"We're going to relay to the councillors the serious issues that the community has arising from the increased traffic speeds and the heavy vehicles now using River Road since (Vimy Memorial) bridge opened up," said Robert Squires, a member of the campaign who lives in the Cedardale community.

Their petition already has hundreds of signatures. They plan to submit it to the city at the end of November.

Road rage and aggressive and intimidating drivers have become the new norm for River Road residents following the opening of Vimy Bridge last year, Squires said, adding that locals are regularly tailgated if they drive at the speed limit or as they slow down to turn into driveways. They are also concerned by crashes on their stretch of road and motorists passing stopped school buses.

Heavy vehicles using River Road have also raised several concerns related to safety, noise and damage to the road.

The meeting takes place on Nov. 15, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the gymnasium at Bernard-Grandmaitre French Catholic school, located at 4170 Spratt Rd. ERIN MCCracken/METROLAND MEDIA

IN BRIEF

New leader named for mental-health program

The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) has named Michelle Hurtubise the new executive director for the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health.

CHEO says the appoint-

ment is effective Jan. 4, 2016.

"Michelle is a natural and respected bilingual leader who truly understands the needs of community programs," CHEO's chief executive officer, Alex Munter, said in a statement.

METRO



Progressive Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod says she's spoken to several doctors at Ontario children's hospitals who would welcome Rowan's Law. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rowan's Law set to move forward

LEGISLATION

Concussion awareness bill to be presented at Queen's Park

Rowan's Law is moving forward with significant support from local politicians and all political parties in the provincial legislature, said Conservative Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod.

The Rowan's Law bill will be introduced at Queen's Park on Nov. 25 by MacLeod, Ottawa South Liberal MPP John Fraser, and NDP Kitchener-Waterloo MPP Catherine Fife as the NDP have agreed to co-sponsor the bill.

"It's been really good, because everyone has a story themselves: A family member, a neighbour, a teammate or a constituent who has suffered from a concussion," MacLeod said. "People recognize it's a prevalent issue and one that needs to be addressed."

Rowan's Law would create an

advisory committee that would create an implementation plan of Ontario-specific recommendations that came out of a coroner's inquest into Rowan Stringer's death.

Rowan was 17 years old when she died from the effects of a concussion she sustained in a rugby game. The Barrhaven teenager played for her high school team, as well as the Barrhaven Scottish club rugby team.



People recognize it's a prevalent issue and one that needs to be addressed.

Lisa MacLeod

"Concussions can have a tragic consequence, and it did for Rowan Stringer," MacLeod said.

She said she's spoken to many doctors at CHEO and recently a doctor at Sick Kids hospital in Toronto who would welcome Rowan's Law.

The bill will be introduced in the legislature on Nov. 25, and is scheduled to be debated on Dec. 10. The final implementation of the bill depends on how long the process takes for the bill to get to the third reading stage, MacLeod said.

If it's passed, the minister responsible for tourism, culture and sport would appoint a chair to the committee, which would be tasked with putting the implantation plan together in one year.

MacLeod said she thinks most organizations are waiting to see what happens with Rowan's Law before creating their own implementation plans, though some groups may have already started to follow or implement the coroner's inquiry recommendations.

The recommendations include making concussion awareness a mandatory part of the Ontario curriculum, and providing more tools for coaches to identify and treat concussions. BRIER DODGE/METROLAND MEDIA, WITH FILES FROM MEGAN DELAIRE

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Water-charge increase in the pipeline

INFRASTRUCTURE

Arnprior town chiefs approve \$30 hike for each residence

Proposed plans to escalate water-related bills to cover life cycle costs found unanimous approval at Mon-

day's Arnprior town council meeting.

Arnprior's local legislators agreed to let water and wastewater bills rise an extra \$2.50 per month or \$30 annually. The proposed figures are per residential account rather than per person.

The town's top bureaucrat, chief administrative officer Michael Wildman, said the plan should prevent any sharp

spikes in cost that may come about because of future infrastructure failures or replacements.

Wildman said that the plan is not just for the next 10 years, but more likely 100, since that is closer to the lifespan of the water treatment plant near Nick Smith Centre, the wastewater treatment plant near the marina and the piping system throughout the town.

Mayor David Reid repeated his comments from a previous meeting that grants from higher levels of government could reduce the costs to ratepayers.

He also insisted that the plan or "living document" responsible for the increases must be reviewed every five years but could be looked at annually and added that council has a legal responsibility (following

the Walkerton tragedy) to ensure safe water.

"We are not here to try to take one cent more than needed," Reid said. "The plants must be in great working condition. And if there are grants, staff would make the necessary adjustments."

Members of council indicated at a previous meeting that residents could be upset with the increase.

They argued that memories of a widespread water-billing fiasco in the past might block some from seeing this new strategy as anything but a tax grab.

But on recorded vote — meaning each member was forced to verbally say yes or no — all members voted in favour. Only Reeve Walter Stack was absent.

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McCrimmon fine with cabinet picks

Kanata-Carleton MP Karen McCrimmon said she was never expecting a post in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's new Liberal Cabinet.

Before the announcement at Rideau Hall on Nov. 4, many media outlets speculated that McCrimmon could be a cabinet contender.

A retired lieutenant-colonel with the Canadian Forces and the first woman to hold the position of air navigator and to command a flying squadron, she has a strong leadership background.

But McCrimmon said she's pleased she can instead focus on her constituents.

"I've said from the beginning I'll do whatever's needed, whatever's asked of me, but looking after the people of Kanata-Carleton that has to be my number one priority and now this is what I can focus on," she said. "I appreciated the media support, but really, when I look at that cabinet, I'm so pleased."

"The bios of these people are amazing. Some of the personal struggles they went through to get where they are today, you have to respect each and every one of them."

McCrimmon's main prior-

ities for Kanata-Carleton include growing the economy and creating more jobs — specifically in the high-tech and agriculture sectors.

She has also said she is eager to create a plan to deal with an aging population.

"Creating a new economy, a knowledge-based value-added kind of economy, I think that's the key because when people have a job they can build a good future," she said.

"Our population is aging so we need a plan on how to deal with this; how to protect health care, how to protect benefits, how to look after seniors properly. That's another thing that's going to be on my list."

JESSICA CUNHA/METROLAND MEDIA



New MP Karen McCrimmon

AMELIA BUCHANAN/METRO

IN BRIEF

Movati gets moving to Meadowlands Mall

The city's planning committee approved an amendment that will help to garner a large-scale athletic facility for the flagging Meadowlands Mall on Nov. 10.

The mall, which has what committee chair and Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder called a gaping hole since the departure of Target earlier this year, would be the site of a new 6,967-square-metre Movati

gym behind the mall.

Movati has an aggressive timetable and wants to see the facility — which would be their biggest in Ottawa — open by this time next year, Coun. Keith Egli said.

The only hurdle was the Arterial Main street by-law, which is meant to ensure commercial development fronts on to arterial roads like Merivale. Egli said because the gym wouldn't front onto Merivale, the amendment isn't contrary to the spirit of the by-law.

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For years, Canada and Denmark have each claimed sovereignty of Hans Island off Greenland.

Like the crew of Danish warship Vedderen, shown here, each country periodically visits to remove the other's flag and put up their own.

The friendly rivalry could turn into friendly co-ownership. On Thursday, Michael Byers, a University of British Columbia international law professor and a Danish colleague are to present a proposal suggesting that Canada and Denmark share sovereignty over the 1.2-square-kilometre rock.

"The new (Canadian) federal government might see this as a way to signal a change in approach," said Byers from Denmark.

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Canadian couple found dead at Mexican resort

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Pair were there for daughter's wedding

A Canadian couple who had travelled to Mexico to attend their daughter's wedding has been found dead at a hotel near the resort city of Playa del Carmen.

A family member said Charles Mackenzie and his wife, Dorothy Mackenzie, both from Baddeck, N.S., were found dead on Monday.

Charles Mackenzie's brother-

in-law Douglas Hastings said family members currently in Mexico for the wedding were dealing with their deaths.

"I know that they're more concerned about the remains and cremation and things like that. I don't really know about the wedding," said Hastings, whose wife was also in Mexico.

An official from the prosecutor's office in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo said the couple's bodies were found in a whirlpool spa and showed no signs of violence.

The official, who wouldn't give her name as she said she wasn't authorized to speak

publicly about the case, said autopsies have indicated that Charles Mackenzie died of a heart attack and his wife died of asphyxia by submersion.

She said the deaths appeared to be accidental and linked, suggesting the man's heart attack may have somehow caused the woman to drown.

A spokesman for the Playacar Palace hotel, where the couple was staying, said the deaths are

still under investigation.

“What the family mentioned was a heart attack.”

David Rubeo
Hotel spokesman

David Rubeo dismissed earlier media reports that suggested the couple had been electrocuted in the hot tub of their room.

"The room was perfectly fine. All the equipment was working perfectly," he said. "What the family mentioned was a heart attack."

Rubeo said the couple's family was still staying at the hotel and was being assisted by hotel staff.

"We are treating them as our own family," he said, noting that staff were helping the Canadians deal with local authorities.

"All the group is very calm, in the best way they can be."

A spokesman with the Department of Foreign Affairs confirmed the deaths of two Canadians and said consular officials were helping the couple's family and friends.

"Canadian consular officials in Playa del Carmen, Mexico are in contact with local authorities to gather additional information," said Francois Lasalle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CYCLING

Women safely in slow lane



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Hazel Anderson is used to being passed by "fast men in Lycra" when cycling in Toronto.

"I'm a proud slow cyclist," the British expat says.

She's not surprised by a new study showing women are safer cyclists than men.

Researchers at the University of Toronto and University of British Columbia published the study in the medical journal BMJ. They found male cyclists three times more likely to wind up in hospital than female counterparts.

The researchers analyzed 3,690 hospital visits by cyclists in Canada from 2006 to 2011, studying variables like age, mode share and helmet laws. More than 75 per cent of cyclists hospitalized in that time were men.

"For all injury causes, sex was the only significant explanatory variable," write the authors, attributing the results to female cyclists' "lower propensity for risk-taking," and noting women are more likely to ride slowly or stick to separated bike lanes.

Similar studies have examined driving habits and found lower injury and fatality rates among women drivers.



Hazel Anderson
LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

CIVIL LIBERTIES

RCMP planned to trail journalist

A Canadian journalist expressed dismay Tuesday after learning the RCMP were planning to shadow him in hopes he'd lead them to the person who leaked secret information on a suspected terrorist.

The proposed surveillance was part of an investigation into the leak of a sensitive spy-agency document about Adil Charkaoui to Montreal's La Presse newspaper.

"We live in a democratic country. Freedom of the press is a guaranteed freedom," La Presse reporter Joel-Denis Bellavance said from Ottawa.

Information about the surveillance is in classified RCMP documents that a Federal Court ordered disclosed as part of a lawsuit filed by Abfousian Abdelrazik, another man the government once branded a terrorist and who was also subject of a damaging leak.

In early August 2011, La Presse ran a story based on a pair of leaked CSIS documents that disclosed Abdelrazik had apparently been in on a conversation with the Moroccan-born Charkaoui about hijacking and blowing up an Air France plane from Montreal to Paris.

Within days, CSIS concluded the leak came from the Privy Council Office. RCMP began investigating in mid-August 2011.

Abdelrazik's suit claims the government deliberately leaked unsubstantiated allegations to convince the public that he was indeed a terrorist.

Meanwhile, CSIS wanted to find Charkaoui and contacted the Mounties to trail Bellavance to see if he would lead to Charkaoui. It is not clear if the RCMP ever did trail Bellavance.

"The fact that they wanted to do it is still troublesome," Bellavance said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Date for laws likely extended

Ontario and British Columbia are ready for the federal government to request more time to respond to the Supreme Court of Canada's landmark decision on doctor-assisted death.

Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould has acknowledged this is a possibility.

B.C. Health Minister Terry Lake says his province would work with the federal Liberals over an extended period to give the matter the thought it deserves.

"I think that it is a very short time frame without an extension," Lake said in an interview.

Last February, the Supreme Court recognized the right of clearly consenting adults who endure intolerable physical or mental suffering to end their lives with a physician's help.

It gave Parliament a year to craft laws to govern assisted suicide. Ontario Health Minister Eric Hoskins said his province would understand if the federal government seeks an extension.

"It's really up to them to be sure that they can implement any changes required prior to the deadline," he said.

Ontario is leading a provincial and territorial advisory group on

+ BACKGROUND

Dying with Dignity

Dying with Dignity Canada urges Ottawa not to ask the high court for more time. The group argues that patients across the country are living in a "cruel limbo" as they suffer and wait for their rights to be recognized. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the future of physician-assisted death in Canada.
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PHILANTHROPY

App to help feed Syrian children



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There's now an app for helping Syrian refugees.

The World Food Program launched ShareTheMeal, a mobile app that aims to help smartphone users around the world contribute to efforts of feeding Syrian schoolchildren in Jordan.

"WFP is currently struggling to get enough help for Syrians," said Julie Marshall, the Canadian spokeswoman for the organization.

"This innovative idea will make it a lot easier for people to donate, and will help us reach a different demographic of donors."

The organization is helping about four million people access food inside Syria each month, as well as over a million refugees in neighbouring countries, she said.

The potential for using the app to donate is huge. In a ShareTheMeal test conducted recently in Germany, Australia and Switzerland, more than 120,000 mobile users provided nearly two million meals for schoolchildren in Lesotho, a southern African country.

WFP provides food assistance to nearly 20,000 school-aged Syrian children inside Jordan. As

+ IMMIGRATION

Liberals to meet to contemplate refugee plan

The Liberal cabinet will meet Thursday to consider a plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year.

Details about how the new government intends to make good on its campaign pledge have been closely guarded since a special cabinet committee agreed on a strategy earlier this week.

Immigration Minister John McCallum has said repeatedly that all options were on the table — including military transport, temporary housing on military bases, commercial air travel, and transport by boat. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

the crisis continues and funding becomes critical, the organization hopes ShareTheMeal becomes a new way for sourcing funds, said Marshall.

"The app will remind people how lucky they are, and hopefully make them help other people around the world," she said.

The app will be available for free on iOS and Android starting Thursday morning.



A sign warns to avoid contact with St. Lawrence River water in Montreal on Wednesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Sewage disposal in river going to plan

There have been no hiccups so far as the City of Montreal started the controversial process of dumping eight billion litres of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence River, Mayor Denis Coderre said Wednesday.

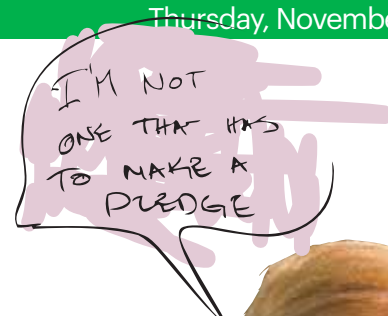
Coderre said everything was proceeding as planned and the infrastructure repair work that necessitated the discharge would begin soon.

At 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, certain sewers began diverting untreated sewage away from an aging interceptor and directly

into the river, which will continue for about a week.

The release of untreated waste water is necessary in order to complete repairs on an aging interceptor tunnel that feeds sewage to a treatment facility as well as to relocate a snow chute.

"We are protecting our river and it's better to have (the discharge) planned than just to react to a (break or rupture) where we might have even more waste water," Coderre said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A Justin Trudeau-like vow for an equal number of men and women in U.S. cabinet? No thanks, says Donald Trump.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: ANDRES PLANA/METRO

Parity, schmarity: Trump pans pledge

POLITICS

Merit over gender balance, says billionaire

Critics of Justin Trudeau's guarantee of a gender-equal cabinet have found a famous ally south of the border: Donald Trump.

The billionaire politician was asked Wednesday in an interview about imitating the new Canadian prime minister's half-male, half-female cabinet — and he said no.

MSNBC interviewer Mika

Brzezinski brought up Trudeau's stated rationale for the move — "because it's 2015" — and she asked the Republican nomination contender whether he'd follow suit.

Trump replied he has many, many women working for his companies. Perhaps even more than 50 per cent, he said. But he said he'd make cabinet appointments based exclusively on merit, not quotas.

"I'm not one that has to make a pledge," Trump said. "I wouldn't want that. Because I will tell you: I want the best person at each position ... I'm going to get the best people



I'm going to get the best people for the job.

U.S. presidential hopeful
Donald Trump

for the job."

He mentioned, for example, billionaire investor Carl Icahn who has endorsed Trump and is apparently already lined up for a cabinet spot should the real-estate-selling reality-TV star win the White House.

Trump has taken a few pos-

itions on other issues relevant to Canada in recent months, as he has mostly led the Republican nomination polls.

He has dismissed the idea of a border wall with Canada, despite enthusiastically proposing one with Mexico. He opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact because he says it's a bad deal for the United States.

And he supports the Keystone XL pipeline. Trump has mused about possibly requesting better terms from TransCanada Corp., but he is in favour of building the stalled pipeline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SECURITY

Activist suspects U.S. behind detention

A French de-radicalization activist once imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay said Wednesday he suspects American authorities were behind Canada's decision to refuse him entry and jail him for two days before sending him back to France.

"I thought that maybe the American government knew I was in Canada and maybe exerted pressure to put me in jail," Mourad Benchellali said from Lyon, France. "I thought they will send me to America, so I was very scared."

Benchellali, 34, said U.S.



I know it's not the fault of the Canadian people.

De-radicalization activist
Mourad Benchellali

authorities assured him he is not on their no-fly list, but Canadian carrier Air Transat refused to let him board a flight to Montreal earlier this year.

"They just told me the Americans don't want me to take

this flight," he said.

Upon his arrival in Toronto from Paris via Iceland on Nov. 2, Benchellali was detained, interrogated about his time at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan 15 years ago, and prohibited from entering Canada.

The French citizen has written a book about his experiences in the camp and subsequent detention in Guantanamo Bay (he was released in 2004). He said his brother had taken him to Afghanistan for what he thought would be an adventure holiday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Mourad Benchellali. FRANCOIS GUILLOT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

No evidence hospital housed Taliban before attack: Report

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. military relied heavily on its Afghan allies for strike

Immediately after the U.S. killed at least 30 people in a devastat-

ing airstrike on a charity hospital, Afghanistan's national security adviser told a European diplomat his country would take responsibility because "we are without doubt, 100 per cent convinced the place was occupied by Taliban," according to notes of the meeting.

More than a month later, no evidence has emerged to support

that Afghan position. Eyewitnesses said they saw no gunman at the hospital.

Instead, there are mounting indications the U.S. military relied heavily on its Afghan allies who resented the internationally run hospital, which treated Afghan security forces and Taliban alike but says it refused to admit armed men.

The new evidence includes details about the location of American troops during the attack. The U.S. special forces unit whose commander called in the strike was under fire in the Kunduz provincial governor's compound a half-mile away from the hospital, according to a former intelligence official who has reviewed documents describing

the incident. The commander could not see the medical facility — so couldn't know firsthand whether the Taliban were using it as a base — and sought the attack on the recommendation of Afghan forces, the official said.

The strike raises questions about whether the U.S. military should rely on intelligence from Afghan allies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Serbian PM makes pledge for rejuvenation project

Serbia's prime minister said Wednesday his country is donating five million euros to rejuvenate the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, where Serbs slaughtered 8,000 Muslim men and boys during the war 20 years ago.

Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic attended a regional investment conference in the eastern town and said that the first two million euros will arrive by Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Ever since the end of the First World War, November 11 is observed around the world as an occasion to honour and remember veterans of war.

1 Armistice Day

— Alrewas, England: A woman touches a memorial plaque at the National Memorial Arboretum.

2 Veterans Day parade

— Miami Beach, Florida: Kelvin Cabrera salutes as the parade marches past.

3 Field of Remembrance

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4 Vietnam Veterans Memorial

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MIGRANT CRISIS

Europe tries to stem tide but old tensions rise to surface

The European Union pressed African leaders on Wednesday to take back thousands of people who do not qualify for asylum, as overwhelmed Slovenia began building a razor-wire border fence to keep migrants at bay, raising tensions with neighbouring Croatia.

According to the International Organization for Migration, almost 800,000 people have entered Europe by sea this year. The EU predicts that three million more could arrive by 2017.

The EU says most Africans come in search of work and should be sent home, but many deliberately arrive without documents and must wait months before they are taken back.

At an EU-run summit in



Slovenian soldiers build a razor wire fence on the Slovenian-Croatian border Wednesday. JURE MAKOVEC/AFP

Malta, African leaders are set to commit "to co-operate with the EU on return and admission, notably on travel documentation."

In Slovenia, tensions mounted after troops began erecting razor-wire along the Sutla River that divides the country from Croatia, and further southwest

3 million

The predicted total of migrants that the European Union expects to attempt to enter its territory by 2017 has now been set at three million.

near the town of Gibina.

Croatian authorities said parts of the fence were in disputed territory. AP journalists saw Croatian police demand that Slovenia take down a section of the fence.

Slovenia denies that any part of the planned 80-kilometre (50 mile) fence is on Croatian soil. Both countries are already locked in an old territorial dispute dating from the breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

The tiny Alpine state expects some 30,000 new migrants to arrive and fears it could be too much for it to handle.

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MYANMAR

Suu Kyi takes step closer to power

Myanmar's transition to greater democracy after decades of military rule surged ahead Wednesday as opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party continued its election sweep and the government promised a peaceful transition of power.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy said it received a message from Information Minister Ye Htut on behalf of President Thein Sein congratulating it for leading the race for seats in Sunday's election.

Ye Htut said the government will pursue a peaceful transfer of power "in accordance with

the legislated timeline."

The message helps remove lingering concerns that the military, which has a large influence over the ruling party, may deny the NLD power, as it did after elections in 1990.

Suu Kyi's next step will be to attempt to bypass a constitutional provision inserted by the military before it transferred power to a quasi-civilian government in 2011 that barred her from being president.

Suu Kyi has declared that she will become the country's de facto leader, acting "above the president." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Saudi Arabia releases jailed British winemaker

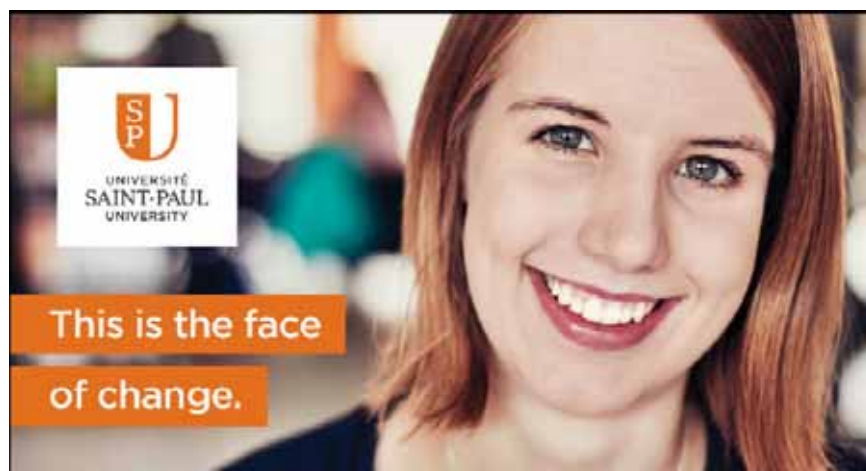
British officials have welcomed the return home of a British man who had faced flogging in Saudi Arabia after being imprisoned for making wine.

Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said Wednesday he is "pleased" that 74-year-old Karl Andree has been

reunited with his family in Britain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romanian nightclub fire death toll rises again

Two Romanian teenagers who were burned in a deadly nightclub blaze in Bucharest have died in British hospitals, bringing the tragedy's overall death toll to 51. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Seven murders ignite Afghans

MIDDLE EAST

Kabul erupts in violence as protesters demand justice

Anger and frustration over the brutal killings of seven members of Afghanistan's minority Hazaras spilled into the streets of Kabul on Wednesday, with about 10,000 people marching to demand justice for the Shiite minority and calling on the government to do more to ensure the nation's security or step down.

The case of seven Hazaras, whose beheaded bodies were found Saturday in the country's southeastern province

of Zabul, appears to have galvanized many in war-battered Afghanistan, uniting them across ethnic and sectarian divides.

No one claimed responsibility for the killings, though Afghan officials have blamed a range of extremists, from Taliban insurgents to an emerging affiliate in Afghanistan of the Islamic State group, which is fighting in Syria and Iraq.

The protest climaxed outside President Ashraf Ghani's heavily fortified presidential palace at Pashtunistan Square, where marchers brought the coffins, draped in green flags symbolizing the Shiite minority.

At one point, presidential guards opened fire as some of the protesters tried to scale

the walls and get into the palace grounds. The president's deputy spokesman, Zafar Hashemi, said the shooting wounded 10. It was not immediately clear if Ghani was inside the palace at the time.

Shortly afterward, Ghani went live on national TV, appealing for calm and promising the Hazara deaths would be avenged. "The nation's pain is my pain," he said, vowing the authorities would have "no mercy" on the killers.

"Like you, I will not calm down until the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to justice. We shall revenge the blood of our brothers and sisters," he said, saying the "enemies of Afghanistan" are trying to create disunity and "bring ethnic and sectarian violence" to the country.

The seven coffins had also been moved inside the palace grounds where they would stay the night — a conciliatory gesture following the gunfire.

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“Like you, I will not calm down until the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to justice.”
Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani



Thousands of protesters marched coffins containing the bodies of seven Shiite Hazaras through the Afghan capital Kabul to demand justice for gruesome beheadings, which prompted fears of sectarian bloodshed in the war-torn country. SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES.

INDONESIA

Elephants on a fire brigade

Forest fires difficult to control? Call in the pachyderm patrol.

Officials in Indonesia are using trained elephants outfitted with water pumps and hoses to help control fires that have claimed vast amounts of forest while sending thick haze into neighbouring countries.

For nearly three months, Riau province in East Sumatra has been blanketed by smoke from forest fires and land clearing, especially in peat-rich areas where flames are difficult to contain.

At the elephant conservation centre in Siak district, 23 trained elephants are being used as "for-

est watchdogs."

Carrying water pumps and other equipment, elephants and their crews patrol burned areas in the national forest to ensure that fires don't reappear after smoldering beneath the peat lands.

Supartono, the head of the Riau Forestry Division, who uses one name, said the elephants had earlier been trained to help patrol forests to find people encroaching illegally, as well as to resolve frequent conflicts between wild elephants and people by driving the wild elephants that enter human settlements back to their habitats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Forestry officials load up an elephant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE.

EUROPEAN UNION

Labels anger Israel

The European Union's decision Wednesday to start labeling Israeli products made in the West Bank delivered a resounding show of international disapproval over Israel's expansion of Jewish settlements and raised the pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to renew peace efforts with the Palestinians.

Israel condemned the measure as unfair and discriminatory, but it appeared helpless to stop

its growing isolation over the settlement issue and its treatment of Palestinians. Relations with the EU in particular have deteriorated in recent years due to disputes over the settlements.

"The EU decision is hypocritical and constitutes a double standard," Netanyahu said, adding that Israel had been unfairly singled out.

Speaking from Washington, he said, "The EU should be ashamed." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PLANE CRASH

Seven real estate workers dead after jet hits house

Seven associates of a Florida real estate investment company were on the second day of a multicity Midwestern trip to look at property for potential shopping centres when their small jet crashed into an Ohio apartment house, killing all nine people onboard.

The two pilots also were killed. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the crash.

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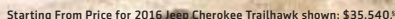
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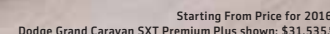
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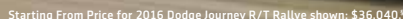


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TransCanada has few options for Keystone

OILSANDS

New permit a non-starter as long as Obama is president

Immediately after U.S. President Barack Obama denied a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, TransCanada Corp. vowed to review all of its options.

Unfortunately for the Calgary-based company, none of those options are quick, simple or sure to succeed, according to a Washington, D.C., lawyer who at one time dealt with energy issues at the U.S. Department of Justice.

"There's not much anyone can do to reverse the decision practically or legally in the short-term," said Jim Rubin, now a partner at Dorsey & Whitney.

The one possibility TransCanada raised in its statement Friday was filing for a new permit to ship oilsands crude across the



U.S. President Barack Obama, with Vice-President Joe Biden, announces Friday he's rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline.

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border. That's a non-starter as long as Obama is in the White House, said Rubin. Same story if the Democrats win the 2016 election, given the front-runners for the nomination have come out against the project.

The best hope, said Rubin, is for TransCanada to bide its time and see if the Republicans take power in 2017.

Going through the courts is

the most complicated route, said Rubin, adding that the optics of TransCanada itself launching a lawsuit aren't great. Other parties could argue they've suffered economic harm as a result of the project not going ahead, but that's tough to prove.

A challenge under the North American Free Trade Agreement would be a protracted process, and a win would be far from a

+ MEXICO DEAL

Natural-gas pipeline

TransCanada Corp. has won a contract to build, own and operate a \$500-million U.S. natural-gas pipeline for Mexico's state-owned power company. The company says the pipeline should be completed by late 2017 and it has a 25-year contract with the Comisión Federal de Electricidad to operate the line.

sure bet. The best-case scenario for TransCanada would be recouping funds it sunk into the project, said Rubin.

TransCanada may look at building pipe along the same route of its existing Keystone network, which has been delivering crude to the Midwest since 2010, Oklahoma since 2011 and the Gulf Coast since early 2014.

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STUDY

More young women living with parents

Young women are living with their parents or relatives at a rate not seen since 1940 as more millennial women put off marriage, attend college and face high living expenses.

A Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data found that 36.4 per cent of women between the ages 18 and 34 lived with parents or relatives in 2014, the most since at least 1940, when 36.2 per cent lived with family.

Richard Fry, a senior economist at Pew, says young women are staying home now because they are half as likely to be

married as they were in 1940 and much more likely to be college-educated. Economic forces such as increasing student debt, higher living costs and economic uncertainty are also playing a role.

The percentage of young men and women living with family fell after the 1940s as more women joined the workforce. Young women and men began staying home at a more rapid rate after 2000, a trend that sharply increased with the uncertainty brought on by the recession in the late 2000s.

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“It’s not just that the Conservatives lost control of the federal agenda for the foreseeable future but also that they are all but a spent force on the provincial scene.”

The Conservatives’ defeat on Oct. 19 will not go down in history as the worst electoral beating the party has ever endured, but it has driven Canada’s conservative movement further into the political wilderness than at any other time in its recent history.

It is not just that the Conservatives lost control of the federal agenda for the foreseeable future, but also that they are all but a spent force on the provincial scene. That’s obviously bad news for the parties that make up the right, but it is also a loss for the national conversation.

By the time Canada’s premiers join Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the Paris climate conference next month, Saskatchewan’s Brad Wall will likely be the only conservative first minister still standing.

Once the voters of Newfoundland and Labrador go to the polls at the end of the month, polls suggest the province’s Tory government will be history.

For the first time in the living memory of most voters, there is not a Conservative government at the helm of one of the four larger provinces and no prospect that one will be elected anytime soon.

The Liberal governments of Ontario and Quebec, and the New Democrats in Alberta are all in the first half of major-

ity mandates. Regime change — should it come to British Columbia in 2017 — is more likely to bring another NDP government to the fore than a more conservative one.

In the short term, Manitoba offers the Tories their best (and only?) hope of bolstering their presence at the federal-provincial table.

But it will take more than a provincial victory or two to fix the malaise that ails the Conservative movement.

Harper’s brand of conservatism was massively rejected in Atlantic Canada last month and it never took root in Quebec. In that province the party’s recent seat gains mask a drop to the lowest Conservative score in the popular vote (16 per cent) in Quebec in a decade.

In a set of byelections earlier this week, the Coalition Avenir Québec — the closest thing to a provincial conserva-

tive party in Quebec — did even more poorly.

Ontario and Alberta are homes to conflicted and divided Conservative houses.

Since Mike Harris retired more than a decade ago, the Ontario Tories have failed to find a path back to power or, for that matter, to agree on a course to get there.

In Alberta, the warring factions within the Conservative movement have taken their differences to the electoral arena in a fratricidal battle that neither side is poised to win.

It will be interesting to see how the internal tensions in the two provinces that have been the pillars of the federal Conservative party will play out in the upcoming campaign to select Harper’s successor.

If the past is any indication, those vying to succeed Harper will more likely be auditioning for a spell in the role of leader

of the opposition than for the job of prime minister.

After the Trudeau, Mulroney and Chrétien/Martin decades, it took almost 10 years for their respective parties to regroup and stage a successful bid for government.

In fact, the Conservatives should not assume they hit rock bottom on Oct. 19.

The Liberals — who went from bad to worse under Stéphane Dion and Michael Ignatieff — can testify to the perils of that particular delusion.

Meanwhile though, a Conservative vacuum of this magnitude on the federal-provincial scene is unprecedented.

Pierre Trudeau sat across from William Davis in Ontario and Peter Lougheed in Alberta. Jean Chrétien was paired with Ralph Klein and Harris. Those strong premiers, hailing as they did from provinces that no federal ruling party could ignore, provided a counterweight to the Liberal government of the day, and often forced it to up its game.

Over the Chrétien decade, a lot of the intellectual impetus for groundbreaking federal policies came from the right. It was provincial Conservative politicians who broke the trail to balanced budgets and the Reform Party planted the seed of what became the Liberal’s Clarity Act.

But the Harper Conservatives always seemed to bring less policy heft to the exercise of power than their party in opposition.

They had lost their identity some time before they lost their place in government.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

This week’s episode of Latent and Not-So-Latent Sexism

Welcome to Recently in Latent and Not-So-Latent Sexism.

1. Jose Bautista, whose bat flip got us all hot and bothered, pens a nice defence of said bat flip that doubles as a celebration for cross-cultural baseball. But slipped into a description of how it felt to step up to the plate, he offers this charmer: “It’s the closest I have ever felt to being a superhero. I felt like I was Batman, and the villain had the girl dangling off the edge of the building.” Did you do it, Bautista? Did you save the girl?!

2. In his widely memed music video for Hotline Bling, Drake confuses his ex’s sexy party time and international vacations for the behaviour of a “bad girl.” The female artist Ceresia covers the song from a woman’s perspective to help him really hear himself. That cover spawns my own counsel to Drake: She probably is getting nasty with someone else, so you might want to consider going out more, you know? Instead of waiting for that late-night hotline bling? Best of luck in your new city.

3. Ralph Nader, allegedly very upset about interest rates, publishes an open letter to the U.S. Federal Reserve’s first-ever chairwoman, Janet Yellen, and advises her that she should “Sit down with your Nobel Prize

winning husband, economist George Akerlof,” so they can “together, figure out what to do.” (Note: for more on the curious practice of condescending to female economists and making sure to point out that they’re wives, see a recent article devoted to the topic in the New York Times’ The Upshot blog.)

4. Bloomingdale’s, sensing that rape culture is so hot right now, releases a print ad featuring a man gazing at a woman (who’s having a big laugh with someone in the opposite direction) with the handy how-to direction: “Spike your best friend’s egg-nog when they’re not looking.” The company apologizes, citing recent feedback, furthering the cause of shallow moral relativism. Bloomingdale’s does not explain why the words “best friend” are bolded in the ad, though one might assume it’s a nod to the fact that 80 per cent of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.

5. Alberta judge Robin Camp faces possible dismissal after showing a disregard for Canadian law by replacing the Supreme Court of Canada’s definition of consent to sexual touching with “Why couldn’t you just keep your knees together?”

Thanks for reading. That concludes this edition of Recently in Latent and Not-So-Latent Sexism. Till next time.

THE MICROTREND: Retail on the road



Have you ever tried to exit a bus only to run into the person in front of you, gazing at something on their phone? Blame online retailers. According to research by Ipsos and the admittedly self-interested PayPal Canada, 14 per cent of Canadian commuters use transit time to shop on their phones, and 76 per cent would if they had better Internet access. PayPal says the number of commuter-shoppers could increase fivefold if Wi-Fi was available on-board. So until hands-free, eyes-free mobile payments are invented, ever more multi-taskers will slow the flow of people on public transport because they’re comparison-shopping for cat toys.

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PM's wife suits nation to a tee

POLITICS OF THE WARDROBE

Sophie's easy-going elegance captivates fashion lovers

Marlene Rego

For Metro Canada



Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau has all the hallmarks of a style-icon-in-the-making with many ready to brand her Canada's Kate Middleton. They both married into a dynasty and share a glossy mane, but that's where the comparisons end. It's almost impossible to picture The Duchess, for instance, walking her kids to school in a pair of distressed denim flares and a white tee as Grégoire-Trudeau did on the first day back. It's precisely her relatable, relaxed approach that has put the entire country on Sophie Style Watch.

For her first official appearance as the prime minister's wife, she made a conscious choice to wear Canadian designers in an embellished Erdem dress and Sentaler coat — she also wore a grey Sentaler coat to yesterday's Remembrance Day ceremony — ostensibly aware that doing otherwise could come across as an early misstep. Instead, her swearing-in ensemble (styled by good friend Jessica Mulroney) prompted dozens of wardrobe dissections.

Sarah Bancroft, Vancou-

ver-based editor-in-chief of vitamindaily.com credits her popularity with an easygoing elegance. "While many first ladies have nailed the elegant part, the relaxed part doesn't come across as frequently."

It seems the personal is public for Grégoire-Trudeau, at least in her proven talent for toeing the line with her style choices. "It's a fine balance. I'm sure it's not easy finding the perfect pieces," says Bancroft, who points to Grégoire-Trudeau's early TV work and time with Holt Renfrew as a personal shopper for her honed style.

Grégoire-Trudeau's choices so far lean toward a Made-in-Canada mandate, though it's too premature to predict whether she could have the same effect as Kate Middleton on much-needed sales.

"If we make noise about specific things she wears, I think it will definitely have an impact. I've seen so many posts on Facebook with people asking 'Where did she get that coat?'" says Montreal-based blogger Lolitta Dandoy of Fashion Is Everywhere (fashioniseverywhere.com).

This is exactly what the Canadian fashion industry needs at the moment, says Dandoy, who cites the loss of Montreal Fashion Week two years ago as a discouraging low-point for local designers.

Bancroft agrees, especially now that all eyes are on the most photogenic pair in Ottawa. "Canadian designers need all the spokespeople they can get."

The coming-out look

For Justin Trudeau's swearing-in, she cleverly chose to #WearCanada in an alpaca wrap coat by Toronto-based Sentaler and dress by CAFA award-winner Erdem. Bancroft thinks she made the right call to go understated but definitive with her style. "She's gone for more neutral colours, which is an interesting choice because a lot of first ladies will try to go for something really bold and statement-making."



Election day

Dandoy references this monochromatic look as the epitome of Grégoire-Trudeau's "cozy-chic" style. It's a classic choice that proves she can pull off effortless with three tots in tow.



On-duty mom

"It takes a lot of confidence to pull something like this off when you know you're going to be photographed. It suits her; it's also a throwback to Margaret (Trudeau), pictured in the black-and-white photo, and the '70s silhouette happens to be in again," notes Bancroft.



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LOOKS THAT WOULD BE AMAZING ON SOPHIE

Canadian designers so far haven't had a lot of help from the government, says fashion editor Sarah Bancroft. "To have someone in the public eye such as Sophie wearing Canadian designers — it will have a huge impact here in Canada and internationally." Here are local designs we think she should wear next MARLENE REGO/FOR METRO



Tanya Taylor

The Toronto-born, New York based designer is on heavy rotation with U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, Beyoncé and Taylor Swift. We're predicting Grégoire-Trudeau would love any of the classic '70s boho silhouettes seen in the Fall 2015 collection.

Quebec designers

Grégoire-Trudeau's ties to the fashion industry allowed her to design her custom wedding gown back in 2005. Montreal blogger Lolitta Dandoy hopes she'll continue to support local designers by wearing pieces from the collections of Denis Gagnon (pictured), Mélissa Nepton, Mackage or Montreal duo Tavan & Mitto.



Partyskirts

While we wouldn't be surprised to find her in a formal Greta Constantine gown, Smythe or Pink Tartan, Bancroft would like to see Grégoire-Trudeau shine the spotlight on smaller Canadian brands such as Partyskirts. "The silk high-waisted skirts come in all kinds of jewel tones. For the holidays I think this would be really fun on her, it's festive but also quite conservative at the same time."



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Year of Yes transforms Shonda

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Titan of TV faces her fears and finds life is much sweeter

Shonda Rhimes, who owns ABC's Thursday night (with hit dramas *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal* and *How to Get Away With Murder*), had found comfort and refuge in ShondaLand, the dream factory she rules as a mega-producer and writer.

But otherwise she was a chronic naysayer, which spurred her sister to mutter as they cooked Thanksgiving dinner in 2013, "You never say yes to anything."

This stinging rebuke led Rhimes to commit herself to a year of saying "yes" to whatever came her way.

For Rhimes, who describes herself back then as an introvert "to the bone," this meant saying yes to speaking engagements and social invitations she would have turned down before.

But that was just the start.

"I feel like a different person," Rhimes, 45, declared over tea Monday morning at a New York



TV producer Shonda Rhimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

hotel. A television titan who not long ago was legendary for shunning interviews and the media spotlight, she was relaxed and reflective as she shared with a reporter how "everybody asks: 'What happened to you?' I don't know what to say, except that I had this weird, transformative experience and I feel like I've completely changed my life from top to bottom."

Rhimes has chronicled this grand transformation — and

helped explain it to herself — in her candid new memoir, *Year of Yes* (Simon & Schuster).

For Rhimes, saying yes didn't just mean saying yes to Jimmy Kimmel when asked to be on his show (which terrified her, though it turned out fine) or making time, no matter how busy she was, for her three daughters when they asked, "Wanna play?"

More than all that, "yes" meant breaking her lifelong habit of avoiding new possibilities and opportunities.

Writing *Year of Yes* itself became a part of the transformation process, which delivered her from being a remarkably successful woman who was, nonetheless, miserable, to newfound standing as "a better mother, a better friend, a

happier boss, a stronger leader, a more creative writer," and someone who is kind, no longer cruel, to herself.

"The more I wrote about what I was doing, the more I got out of it, and I ended up writing the book just for me, which I think was a good

thing. If I had been thinking that anybody else was going to read it, I probably would have censored myself so that what came out was sanitized," she laughed, "for my protection."

It isn't. One of the more revealing chapters recounts her relationship with an ideal man

who wanted marriage and mistakenly got the idea she did, too.

She ended up shutting the door on that relationship while, free of regret or self-recrimination, flinging open a door to the notion that choosing to stay single was the right choice for her.

Writing that chapter sparked an epiphany for Rhimes. She realized she unwittingly had led him on.

"He had said, 'I thought you were a traditional person,' and suddenly I realized that I had completely created myself for him as someone who seemed to want to get married. Up until that moment, I thought, 'How dare he say I'm traditional?'" But then I realized, "That was my doing."

The creation of *Year of Yes* was as swift as Rhimes' punchy, often stream-of-conscious writing style. It poured out of her this summer and the next thing she knew, she was holding the book's galleys.

"That's when I freaked out. Suddenly this book was real, and I was reminded that everybody in the world is going to read it. So I had my panic. And then I reread it and I felt OK. It's honest and wildly freeing."

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BOOK BRIEFS

The Andy Cohen Diaries: A Deep Look at a Shallow Year by Andy Cohen

Watch What Happens Live host Andy Cohen takes fans behind the scenes of his Bravo talk show and gives them a front row seat into his personal life with his dishy new memoir. It's Andy Cohen, so you know you're in for a laugh, and he isn't afraid to make fun of himself. There's plenty of drama, and plenty of heart.

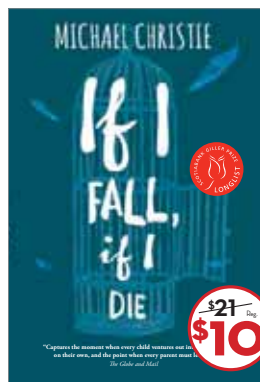


Rules For A Knight by Ethan Hawke

Academy Award-nominated actor and director Ethan Hawke's third novel is about a knight who is scared he is going to die in battle, so he writes a letter to his children about what he's learned throughout his life. Philosophy lovers will enjoy the musings, but everyone will enjoy the touching storyline. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO NEW YORK

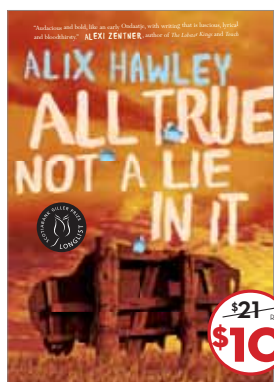


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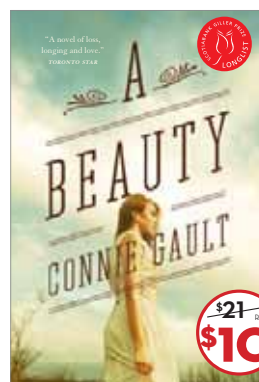
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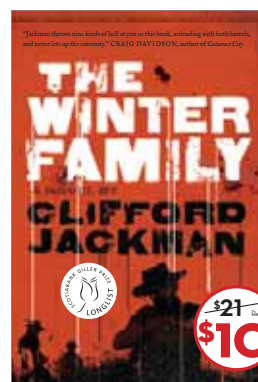
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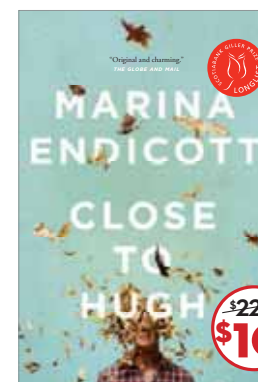
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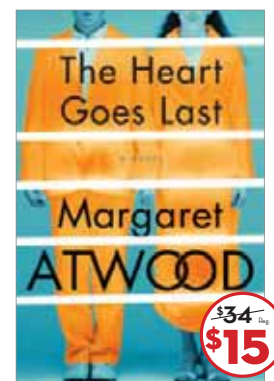
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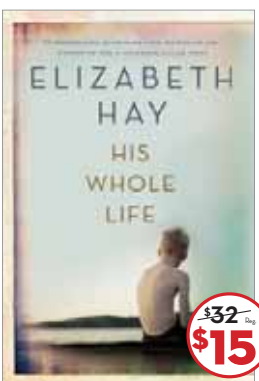
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Judah pens absurdist comic

INTERVIEW

Comedian's doodles offer glimpse into his artistry

Matt Kwong
For Metro Canada

Actor, comedian, cartoonist. Judah Friedlander is a man of many hats. Perhaps best known for playing the role of Frank Rossitano, the deadpan, prank-prone comedy writer on NBC's 30 Rock, the New York comedian has now published an anthology of drawings, *If The Raindrops United*. He spoke with Metro from New Orleans.

You've been drawing cartoons since you were a kid. There's even a political one involving human-rights leader Lech Walesa you drew as a 10-year-old. How has your work evolved since then?

If you look at the thought, there's a lot more brain behind it. Even though the style is simple, the ideas are

not simple. An example of a simple drawing in the book is that one that shows a mouth and teeth all perfectly straight except one is crooked. (The caption reads: "A lone tooth fights bravely against fascism.") If you look at that, you don't know what the f— it is. Once you read what it says below, you then realize what it's about, and then you laugh. And it's also a serious statement about conformity.

But it's not like these are just 10-minute sketches.

Yeah, that doesn't mean I'm not tweaking them over and over again. I might do 15 different versions of one before I come to one I think works best. I actually used to do oil paintings, I did drawings, some stuff that was very realistic. But for what I'm doing now, if I think of a concept for a drawing and a joke, I can get the same point across doing a simple drawing that might take anywhere from 20 minutes to two hours.

You were in American Splendor, so you probably spent some time with Harvey

Pekar. And you're doing some voice work for Seth McFarlane's upcoming Bordertown (starting Jan. 3). So did you also read comics and watch a lot of cartoons?

Yeah, and I actually did animation in high school. When I was in the 10th Grade, I had a short film that was best animated short at the Maryland Film Festival. It was called *Beware Rondo*. I might put that up on my website soon!

Any comics or cartoonists that inform your style?

From the front of the book, Tina Fey references B. Kliban. He was a big influence. A little later, I was a fan of Gary Larson. And then John Callahan, and the old National Lampoons from the '70s and '80s.

On 30 Rock, your ever-changing trucker hats were a popular sight gag. Now you're showing another side

of your comedic mind with your cartoons. Do you find you're attracted to visual jokes?

What a lot of people don't realize is that with writing jokes, and this can be said for some of my drawings as well, what you leave out with words or even with signals and drawings is often much more important than what you put in, or just as important.



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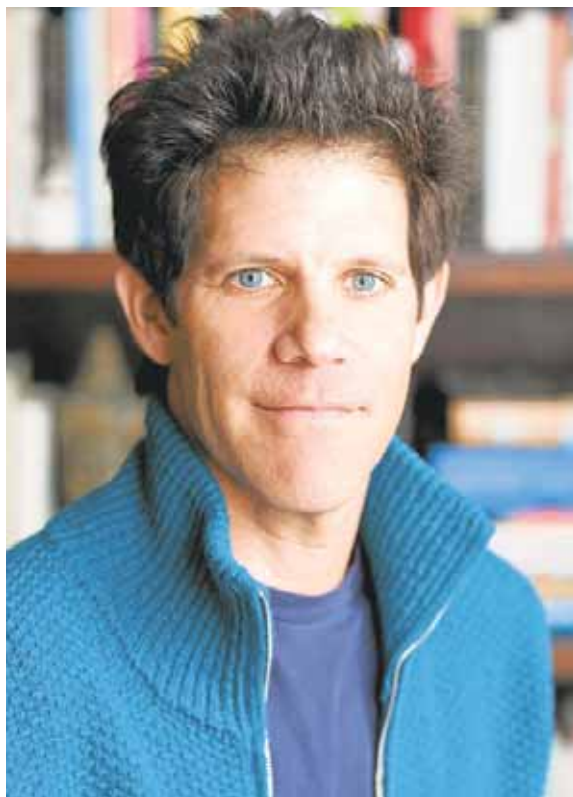
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COLLECTED WISDOM

Larry Smith on power of half a dozen words to the wise

Rachel Vigoda
Metro | New York

In the age of Twitter, the idea of sharing wisdom using just a few letters is *de rigueur*. But that wasn't the way of the world when Larry Smith launched the Six-Word Memoir project in 2006, challenging people to tell a story in just six words.

More than a million mini-stories have been shared at Six-WordMemoirs.com, sparking a series of books.

Last week, Smith released the latest book, *The Best Advice in Six Words*. In it are witty nuggets from actors, singers and writers, including Smith's wife, Piper Kerman, the real-life Piper of *Orange Is the New Black*. (She wrote the memoir that became the Netflix hit.)

We spoke with Smith about his favourite piece of advice and watching himself on *OTNB*.

How did you pick who would contribute to your book?

We contact(ed) some of our favorite people from worlds we all love: the arts, comedy, food, science, writing, wellness and more. Sometimes I get lucky and catch someone like Taylor Schilling ("You're okay, right now, I promise"), Weird Al Yankovic ("Eat your broccoli and always floss"), or Philly's own opera star Michael Fabiano ("Don't wait your turn in life") who already loves the form and offers me their six words on the spot. The trickiest celebrities to land are often some of my favourite writers — I get the sense that because they are so well known for their words, they never quite feel their six-word stories are finished.

Was there anyone you really wanted who said no?

I was listening to the radio one day and heard Tony Robbins giving a TED talk that included these perfect six words: "Divorce your story, marry the truth." I tried numerous emails and calls to (his) office to seek permission to include those words, but never heard back.

What's your favourite piece of advice in it?

My son's "Play, play, play, play, play, play" is sage wisdom for all ages. Morgan Spurlock, the director of *Super Size Me*, emailed me six words that I seem to be repeating a lot lately: "Don't put that in your mouth."

How did you feel about the way Larry was portrayed on *OTNB*?

Piper and I both think the adaptation of *Orange Is the New Black* is excellent. I have some similarities to Larry Bloom. We're funny, have good hair, love Piper. But of course the show is a work of fiction.

Did Piper contribute her six words of advice?

Piper's a frequent and fantastic six-word scribe. In our first book she shared her *Six-Word Memoir*, "In and out of hot water." In a collection of stories about love she wrote, "Found fellow cliff-diver. Best risk ever." In *The Best Advice in Six Words*, my wife offers, "You learn more from your failures."

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In *The Best Advice in Six Words*, celebs from Gary Shteyngart to Molly Ringwald share the best advice someone ever gave them. Here are some of our favourites.

"Just make something every single day." — Noah Scalini

"Good posture trumps insecurity every time." — Susanne Kuznetsky

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TORN FROM THE PAGES

The challenge of writing songs inspired by novels

Ian Gormely
For Metro Canada

Songwriting, says Tony Dekker, is a process of distilling information and putting it into the writer's own words. Yet, in using Nino Ricci's novel *Sleep* as the basis for a new song, written for the latest edition of *Torn from the Pages*, the Great Lake Swimmers frontman found the process "pretty strange."

"It's a matter of feeling impressions from a bigger work and boiling it down," he says. "It was kind of academic."

The brainchild of writer and musician Dave Bidini, *Torn from the Pages* asks artists to create new works using a specific book for inspiration. "It's a funny thing to force yourself to be inspired," admits Bidini. "But in the life of the artist, you have to find the switch to the light as opposed to it just turning on."

But the participating artists aren't the only ones who find the process challenging. "It's a tribute...but it's also a bit scary



Great Lakes Swimmer frontman Tony Dekker wrote a song based on Nino Ricci's novel *Sleep* for *Torn from the Pages* CONTRIBUTED

to see where they go with it," says Ricci, whose first novel, *Lives of the Saints*, won the Governor General's Award for Fiction. "What you thought was self-contained and your own takes on this other dimension."

Bidini picked *Sleep* because of its tension, darkness and suspense. "There's a lot to dig into and pull out."

The book chronicles the psychological breakdown of a Roman history scholar who suf-

fers from sleep disorder.

"I was trying to explore certain ideas of consciousness and human nature and go into certain dark spaces within the psyche that we don't normally think about that much,"

says Ricci.

Ultimately it was this "dream world" that Dekker latched onto for his composition, likening the main character's blurred visions to the creative process itself. "It's a very powerful work."

CREATIVE SPARK

Influences and originality

Inspiration is a two-way street; just as Bidini is influenced by the media he consumes, so too does the media he creates influence other artists.

"That's one of the great bonus coupons that falls through the mail slot of life," he says. "None of what we do is so precious that art is completely original."

Ricci agrees. "I wouldn't be a writer if I didn't have influences," he says.

"Every artist hopes that they're doing something that's out there enough and has enough edge to it, and originality that it will influence the way other artists see the world and make their art."



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Graphic novel gets Suite translation

SUITE FRANÇAISE

Popular 1940s story now illustrated in English

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



There are so many versions of Irene Némirovsky's critically beloved novel *Suite Française*, returning to the original story is a bit like pulling apart a Russian matryoshka doll.

Némirovsky's own life is one of contemporary publishing's most heartbreaking and triumphant tales. The Ukrainian-born author intended to write a series of books based on her personal observations of the German occupation of France during the Second World War, but only completed two novels before she died at Auschwitz in 1942. The manuscripts then remained untouched in a suitcase under her daughter's care until 1998. When the two books were finally published together in 2004 as a single

novel titled *Suite Française*, it quickly became an international bestseller and then, earlier this year, a film, starring Michelle Williams as a lonely French woman who falls in love with a German soldier.

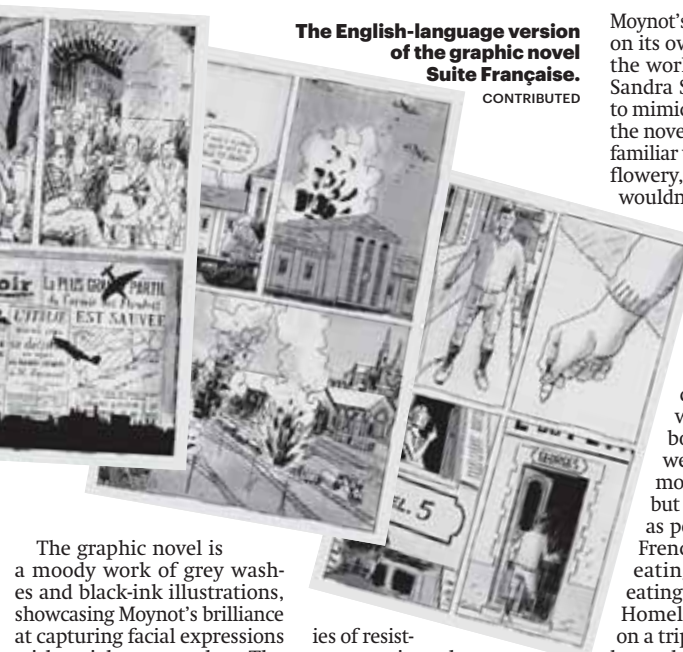
What many English speakers don't know is that there is also an illustrated adaptation of Némirovsky's first novella by Emmanuel Moynot, a Parisian author-artist with more than 40 titles to his name.

Now, for the first time, the English-language translation of that graphic novel is available here, thanks to Arsenal Pulp Press. The Vancouver publisher is gaining international respect for its comics translations, having made a name with another cultural phenomenon, Julie Maroh's lesbian romance, *Blue is the Warmest Color*, the film adaptation of which took home the Palme d'Or prize at



the 2013 Cannes Film Festival.

Montreal translator David Homel, who also worked on Maroh's followup, *Skandalon*, was brought on by Arsenal Pulp Press. He read Némirovsky's novel in French soon after it came out, but deliberately avoided the English-language edition while working on the illustrated version. "You can really be influenced by something without realizing it," he says.



The English-language version of the graphic novel *Suite Française*. CONTRIBUTED

The graphic novel is a moody work of grey washes and black-ink illustrations, showcasing Moynot's brilliance at capturing facial expressions with quick pen strokes. The story follows several families of various social classes as they try to rebuild their lives under occupation. "Most of the books and movies that we consume about World War II are tragic Holocaust stories or heroic stor-

ies of resistance against the Nazis," says Homel. "This is a completely business-as-usual story — the opposite of what we're used to seeing or reading. That's the genius of Némirovsky."

Ultimately, Homel wanted

Moynot's graphic novel to stand on its own. Though he praises the work of British translator Sandra Smith, he didn't want to mimic the English edition of the novel that most readers are familiar with. As it turns out, its flowery, descriptive language wouldn't hold up in a graphic novel format, which is constricted by the limited space provided by speech balloons.

As with his other projects, Homel didn't communicate directly with Moynot while working on the book. Some references were changed to accommodate English speakers, but he tried to keep as true as possible to the original French text. "If people are eating duck pâté, they're eating pâté, not duck liver," Homel says. "It's like going on a trip. When you enter you know there are going to be certain types of references that are foreign but you still have a picture of what's going on."

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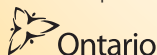
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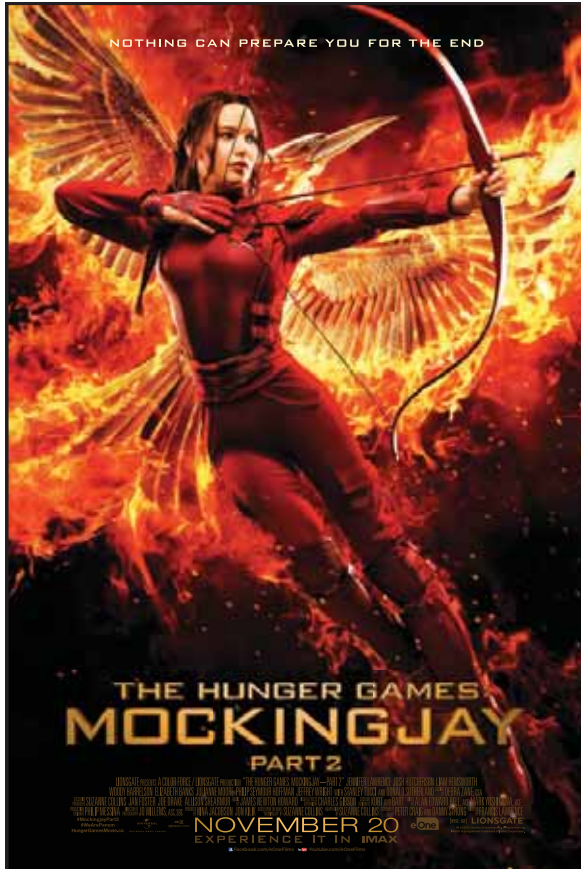
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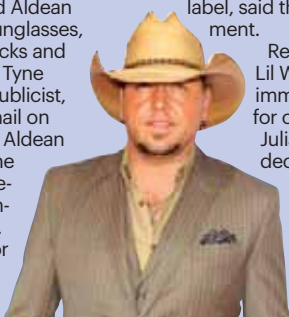
GOSSIP BRIEFS

Country music superstar dresses in blackface

Country star Jason Aldean dressed as rapper Lil Wayne for Halloween, a representative confirmed after a photo surfaced of him wearing blackface makeup and a wig with dreadlocks.

The picture, first posted by the website NashvilleGAb.

com, showed Aldean dressed in sunglasses, long dreadlocks and gold jewelry. Tyne Parrish, his publicist, said in an email on Tuesday that Aldean dressed as the rapper, but refused to comment further. A publicist for Broken Bow Records, his



label, said they had no comment.

Representatives for Lil Wayne were not immediately available for comment.

Julianne Hough's decision to don blackface for Halloween to portray her favourite character from the Netflix show Orange is the

New Black sparked an uproar and drew an eventual apology from the actress, who said she never intended to hurt anyone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Priestly to be back in the saddle soon

Jason Priestley says he's on the mend after suffering a concussion falling off a horse.

Priestley was shooting a scene for his Toronto-shot up-

coming TV series, The Code, when the accident happened Monday.

Producers say he was taken to hospital as a precaution and discharged the same day.

The former Beverly Hills, 90210 star adds on Twitter that he was advised to take a few days off but looks forward to getting back to work.

Production on The Code is expected to resume next week. Priestley plays a former

pro hockey player who uses his ability to read people in his

new gig as a crime-solving private investigator. The Code is set to premiere on Global next spring. THE CANADIAN PRESS



DISNEY

Pirate role landed Depp in hot water

Remember back before 2003's Pirates of the Caribbean came out and Johnny Depp was a successful and well-respected actor known for challenging indie roles? Well, apparently the role that turned the tide and made him a blockbuster movie star was almost too challenging — at least for the Disney brass in charge of Pirates, as Depp's work gave them some major pause.

"They wanted to fire me. I fully expected to be fired, and I got a call from the upper echelon at Disney who were courageous enough to ask me, 'What the f— are you doing?'" Depp tells MovieFone.

"The questions came up, 'Is (the performance) drunk? Is it gay?' All I could say was, because they set me up with a great line, I said, 'Well, don't you know all my characters are gay?' I really expected to be fired, but I wasn't for some reason. They were actually going



"Don't you know all my characters are gay?" GETTY IMAGES

to put subtitles under my character. They couldn't understand Captain Jack."

Listen, while it's great that they didn't fire him off that first Pirates film, considering the idea for the sequels wouldn't have been so bad. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

Conscious humblebrag: Gwyn does divorce best

FAMILY

Goop founder takes credit for reimagining the breakup

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Man, Gwyneth Paltrow will just not shut up about all this "conscious uncoupling" stuff, huh? In fact, she's pretty sure that if anyone deserves the whole "broke the Internet" title, it's her and ex-husband Chris Martin.

"When I was announcing

my husband and I were separating and we were trying to follow this specific way of doing it — and the philosophy is conscious uncoupling — and we, like, broke the f—king Internet," Paltrow said during a Goop-sponsored Q&A hosted by Fast Company this week.

"It's such a hard time personally and then you have this added layer of all this criticism. Then when you look back you go, 'Well, this is actually kind of a good thing to talk back, introducing in some way.' Like, what if you could break up in a way where you remain a family even though you're not a couple?"

Good job, just don't pull anything patting yourself on the back there.



"We, like, broke the f—ing Internet," says Paltrow. GETTY IMAGES

Paltrow also announced she is launching a lifestyle publishing line called, of course, goop. Paltrow's goop press will be

curated in conjunction with Grand Central Life & Style, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing. The first release will be Paltrow's It's All Easy cookbook, which comes out in April. A beauty book is scheduled for next fall.

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Talk-show host showcases her design chops in new book

Ellen DeGeneres likes homes. That much is evident if you watch her HGTV series *Ellen's Design Challenge*, where furniture-makers fight to create the coolest side table you will never use in order to win \$100,000.

DeGeneres has bought and renovated close to a dozen abodes over the last 25 years. Seven of them are represented in her coffee-table book, along with a spattering of interiors from her designer collaborators.

The talk-show host does have design chops, including an appreciation for modernists such as Jean Royère and Arne Jacobsen. As expected, even though she was born in New Orleans, the majority of the homes are reflective of modern-day L.A. living. The book showcases the perfectly-imperfect philosophy honed by the comedian.

Beverly Hills

DeGeneres and her wife, Portia de Rossi, bought their Beverly Hills estate after visiting the house for the first time and making their hosts an offer they didn't refuse. The main home was built in 1963 for actor Laurence Harvey. DeGeneres then went on to significantly enlarge the estate, buying the two surrounding properties. The main living room has Louis XVI Ber-



The spaces featured in *Home* reflect Ellen DeGeneres' perfectly-imperfect philosophy. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

geres flanked by slipcovered sofas to create a cosy, not-too-imposing while still-very-Ellen area. A grey Hermès Avalon blanket — something of a Beverly Hills cliché — sets off the white, grey and brown tones.

The Horse Ranch

DeGeneres' 26-acre horse ranch north of Los Angeles. Built by actor William Powell in the 1920s, it has been both a monastery and a rehab centre over the years. The talk-show host said she approached the task



Interior design is what I would do if I wasn't a comedian and talk-show host.

Ellen DeGeneres

like she was "designing and decorating 10 different homes" since there were so many cabins and barns on the property. This barn is used as a recreation centre, decorated with an early 20th-century American work table and a vintage wicker chair. In the centre is a French 19th-

century Os de Mouton settee. Opposite the seating area is a Belgian desk that holds a 20th-century African mask.

Santa Barbara

If you are going to live in Santa Barbara, it might as well be in a villa — in this case, a Tuscanite-

influenced beauty designed by American architect Wallace Frost. The stone home is situated on a hill filled with olive trees and overlooking the Pacific.

"It's like a glorious stone farmhouse full of strange nooks and crannies and little moments of surprise," says DeGeneres. "I think this is our forever house." Outside DeGeneres has placed an 18th-century Belgian farm table on which sits a sculpture of a pig. Art is deftly placed everywhere, including vintage

Oaxacan candle lanterns and a sculpture by Finnish artist Harry Kivijärvi to the left of the fountain.

The Brody House

The Brody House is one of the most significant homes in Los Angeles. The Brodys were philanthropists who commissioned architect A. Quincy Jones and designer William Haines to create one of the great modernist structures. They even had Henri Matisse do a mural for the courtyard — which has since been donated to a museum.

The spa seen here is minimalism at its finest: marble slab walls, terrazzo floors and palm woods. DeGeneres didn't live here long. After paying a reported \$40 million for the home, she flipped it to Napster founder Sean Parker for a mind-blowing \$55 million.

The Blackmans

DeGeneres takes inspiration from the homes of her collaborators, including Adam Blackman. Blackman is the owner of iconic L.A. furniture store Blackman Cruz, where the talk-show host sources many of her furnishings. This home is also designed by A. Quincy Jones but in the Brentwood neighbourhood. Wall plaques of inlaid stone show a love for Monticci art. Around the corner lies a weathered Mies van der Rohe Barcelona couch. Beside it is a Japanese bronze flower arranging dish. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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3 The new Apple TV

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Cameron's Sens must make more of home comforts

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Coach Dave Cameron has questioned his club's compete level. Their home record is fair to middling. Special teams are in a funk. Fans commenting on talk radio and internet sites are in a tizzy regarding the team's third defenseman pairing.

Bottom line is; with all these shortcomings, the Senators currently sit tied for second in the Atlantic division with a 7-5-3 record.

Can the club maintain this position? Certainly, though there's a lot of tidying up to do.

Losses to the Devils, Coyotes and Red Wings in the past two weeks caused Cameron to publicly call out his team.

For the most part players are heeding the coach's words — earning points in six of eight games. However, the club hasn't been closing out games with consistency. Case in point; Saturday the Senators held a 2-1 third period lead versus a Hurricanes squad who played the previous evening. Carolina outshot Ottawa 18-5, tying the game before capping off a comeback overtime victory.

Failure to win in friend-

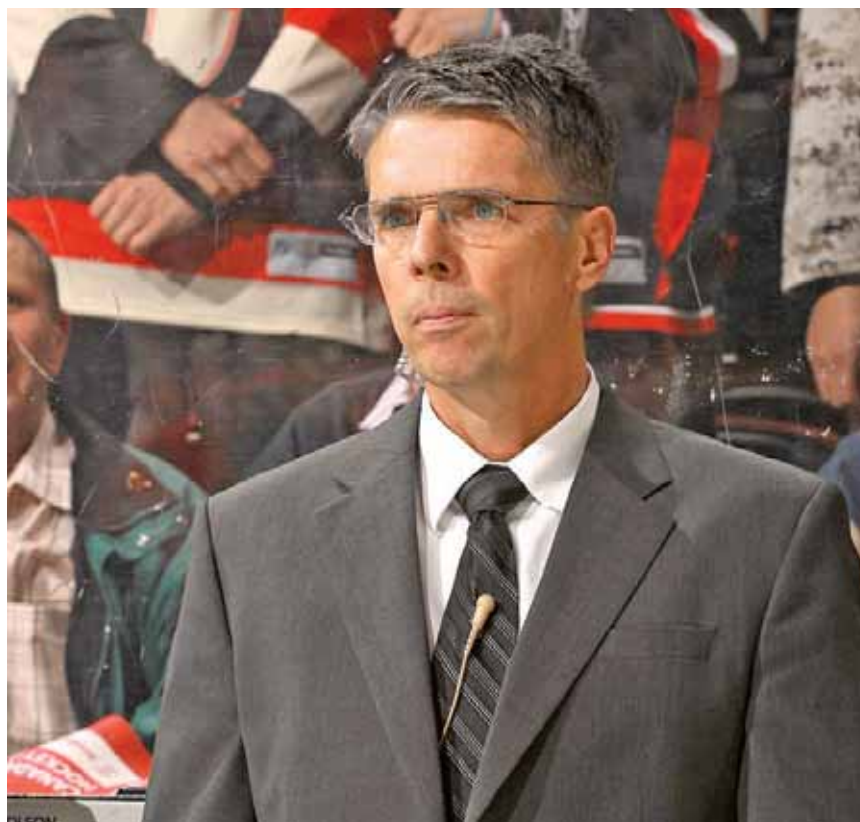
ly confines lends concern. After several lacklustre efforts, including going winless in their first four attempts, the Senators have won two of three on home ice.

Although the team is cruising along with a 5-2-1 road record, failure to play above .500 at the Canadian Tire Centre will definitely cost the Senators later on.

Special teams rank in the bottom five of each category. A key reason assistant coach Andre Tourigny moved from the Avalanche to Ottawa was to add expertise to the power play. Fifteen games in, it's still a work in progress. Since opening the campaign scoring on their first three PP's, the Senators are a paltry 5 for 42.

Historically one of their strengths, the penalty kill is faring even worse. The Senators are the league's fifth-most shorthanded team, which is also contributing to allow 34.7 shots per game, tops in the NHL.

Another conundrum is the 'D' pair of Mark Borowiecki and Jared Cowen, each lacks mobility, while providing average puck-handling skills. Partnered together, they didn't mesh. A decision was made to split the duo Tuesday. However, after a 7-5 loss to the Predators, they weren't the only d-men



Despite being tied for second in the Atlantic division Senators coach David Cameron has called out his team publicly after recent losses. Ottawa is playing less than .500 at home. GETTY IMAGES

drawing consternation.

Replacing an injured Cody Ceci, Chris Wideman notched his first NHL goal

Saturday. It's only a matter of time before Cameron deploys him on a regular basis. It will be interesting to see

which blue-liner comes out when Wideman does? One thing is for certain; there's room for improvement.

CURLING

Gushue back in action after head-injury absence

Veteran curler Brad Gushue returned to action Wednesday for the first time since suffering a head injury last month. The St. John's skip opened against Saskatoon's Steve Laycock in the late-afternoon draw at The National at General Motors Centre.

Gushue needed seven stitches to close a gash above his right eye after he fell Oct. 31 at The Masters in Truro, N.S. He lost his balance and landed head first on the ice. Gushue thinks a buildup of frost on his shoe's gripper may have caused him to fall.

Gushue went down in the fourth end, got stitched up at a nearby hospital, and returned in the seventh end of a 5-2 quarter-final loss to Laycock.

He said he experienced concussion-like symptoms after he left the arena and again the next day. Gushue underwent a CT scan when he returned home and rested for almost a week. Gushue, 35, won Olympic gold at the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy. home. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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CFL SEMIFINAL PICKS

Quarterbacks key to success in divisional playoff games

Jonathon Jennings and the B.C. Lions won't have history on their side Sunday in Calgary.

Jennings and Co. visit the defending Grey Cup champions in the West Division semifinal. Calgary won the season series 2-0, including a 28-7 decision last weekend in Vancouver.

Calgary (14-4) finished tied with Edmonton for the CFL's best regular-season record. But the Eskimos won the season series 2-1 and the right to host either the Stampeders or Lions in the West Division final Nov. 22.

B.C. (7-11) finished third in the West.

Also on Sunday, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats host the Toronto Argonauts in the East Division semifinal. The winner takes on the Ottawa Redblacks at TD Place on Nov. 22.

This will mark the 12th playoff meeting between Calgary and B.C., with the Stampeders having won eight of them. They're also 5-0 in the semifinal round.

Calgary has also won three straight post-season contests



Ticats have yet to adequately replace injured QB Zach Collaros. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

against B.C., including the 2008 and '12 West Division finals, respectively.

But it's Jennings who holds the key for B.C. In his six games as the club's starter, the six-foot, 195-pound former Saginaw Valley State star ranks third overall in passing yards — behind Ottawa's Henry Burris and Edmonton's Mike Reilly — but stands first in TD strikes (15) and quarterback efficiency (108.9).

Jennings, 23, became just the sixth quarterback in league

108.9

Quarterback efficiency rating of B.C.'s Jonathon Jennings, the highest in the CFL this season.

history to exceed 1,000 yards passing in his first three starts. Historically, only Jeff Garcia and Tobin Rote threw for more yards than Jennings' total of 1,017 over that span.

He'll face a Calgary defence that allowed a league-low 16.1 points per game, was ranked second against the pass (246.6 yards per game) and third versus the run (77.8 yards).

And there's the matter of having to play Calgary at McMahon Stadium. The Stampeders finished tied with Edmonton for the CFL's best home record at 8-1, the lone loss coming against the Eskimos. B.C. was also just 3-6 on the road this season.

Pick: Calgary.

Toronto versus Hamilton on Sunday afternoon

Playing at Tim Hortons Field has been a nightmare for Toronto (10-8), which is 0-3 there versus Hamilton (10-8) and 0-5 overall (including two relocated games this year). But going on the road is nothing new for the Argos, who played 13 of their 18 regular-season games away from Rogers Centre and were a respectable 7-6. After going 7-0 at the venue last year, the Ticats won their first three home games this year but have dropped four of their last six games there since.

The Ticats were 8-3 and playing like definite Grey Cup contenders before quarterback Zach Collaros suffered a season-ending knee injury in a 25-18 home loss to Edmonton on Sept. 19. They finished the regular season losing three straight, including a home-and-home series with Ottawa that earned the Redblacks first in the East. Collaros was also 3-0 against the Argos, his former team, and it's unclear if rookie backup Jeff Mathews will play Sunday after missing last weekend's contest with a head injury. Even if Mathews does play, Hamilton's offence is vastly different without Collaros.

Pick — Toronto.
Last week: 3-1.
Overall record: 46-31.

SOCCER

Blatter still in hospital after 'small breakdown'

Sepp Blatter remains in a Swiss hospital after what his spokesman called a "small breakdown" related to stress.

The 79-year-old suspended FIFA president expects to leave the hospital next Monday, Zurich-based spokesman Klaus Stoeckli told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "(Blatter) will be back officially in business on Tuesday next week," Stoeckli said in a telephone interview. "The checkup is finished and he is recovering."

On Friday, Blatter's American lawyer told the AP that he was at a hospital. Blatter is appealing against his 90-day provisional ban by the FIFA ethics committee over suspected financial misconduct. He still hopes to host the Ballon d'Or award ceremony in Zurich on Jan. 11, after the suspension expires.

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Humphries' four-man plan runs into problems

Olympic women's bobsleigh champion Kaillie Humphries wants to pilot four-man sleds on the World Cup circuit in addition to her women's races. The Canadian says Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton will not let her.

"I've never been in a situation where my goals and dreams have not aligned with Bobsleigh Canada's," Humphries said Wednesday. Humphries and Elana Meyers Taylor of the United States were the first women to pilot male crews on the World Cup circuit last season.

The World governing body of the sport, the FIBT, ruled prior to the start of last season that four-man bobsleighs would be "gender neutral."

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WADA REPORT

Putin orders probe into doping allegations



Russian president Vladimir Putin
GETTY IMAGES

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered an investigation into allegations of widespread doping among the country's sports figures.

Putin called for the investigation in a late-night meeting Wednesday with the heads of Russia's sports federations. The meeting comes in the wake of Monday's report by a commission of the World Anti-Doping

Agency that said Russian sports is plagued by extensive, state-sanctioned doping.

The allegations have raised the prospect of Russia's track and field athletes being denied participation in next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Putin ordered Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko and "all colleagues connected with sport" to pay close attention to the doping allegations and for an internal investigation to be conducted — guaranteeing full co-operation

with international anti-doping bodies.

Earlier on Wednesday Russia's sports minister said the country can deal with alleged widespread doping problems on its own.

Mutko was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying Wednesday that Russia holds the Word Anti-Doping Agency commission that reported on Russian problems and its findings "in due respect."

He said: "we agree with the

commission's main findings that doping is not a problem of Russia but of the whole world and the doping problems cannot be resolved within one country."

Mutko adds that "Russia is capable of dealing with the problems named in the commission's report independently, and we will do it for sure."

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2. Scoop out 1/2 cup of the pasta cooking water and set it aside, then drain the noodles. Put the pasta back in the cooking pot. Pour the lemon mixture over the pasta and toss well until all the noodles are coated. Add a splash of your reserved pasta water if you need to loosen up the dish. Add the basil and toss. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

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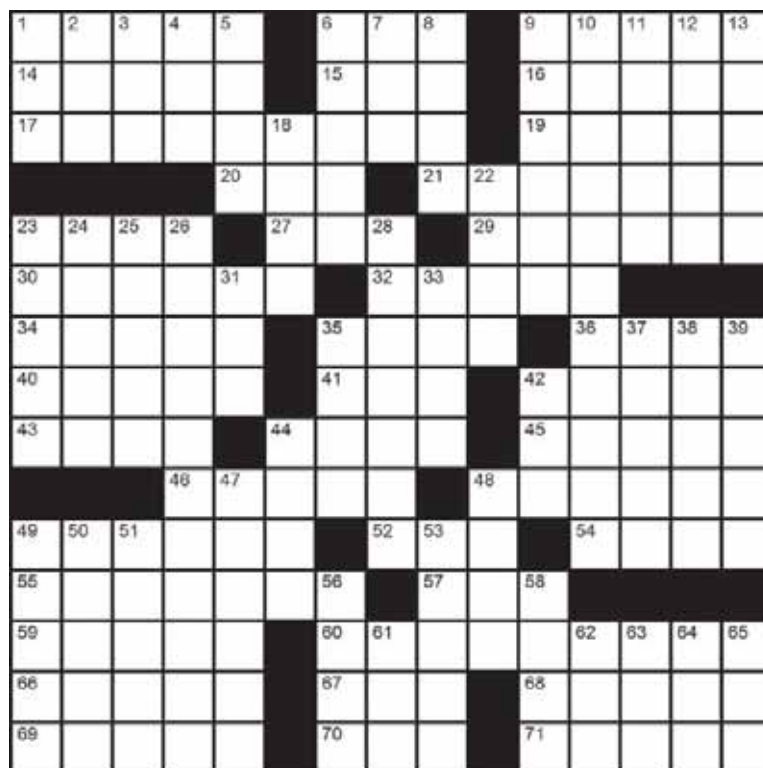
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- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
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15. Journalist Ms. Curry
16. Game with a jackpot
17. New album by Canadian rap star Kardinal Offishall: ' _ _ Vol. 1: The Clash'
19. Group of eight
20. The _ (Manitoba's cap.)
21. Deliverer's deliverer
23. Surrounded by
27. Bon _ (Clever remark)
29. " _ the car?" (Shopper's parking lot query)
30. De-peeling devices
32. Bill _ & His Comets
34. Examine
35. Current affairs
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40. Charles M. Schulz drawn character
41. Battery size
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43. The _ Coast
44. Tiny, _-bitty
45. Avoid
46. One with a pad and paper
48. Chop, as a butcher
49. Tiered temple
52. Blue- _ (Soothing cream on TV commercials)



54. Toboggan
55. Lines between brows, as dubbed in the world of Botox injections
57. Dinner tidbit
59. Comic actor Tim
60. 1605-established French settlement

- in Nova Scotia
66. Canadian rebel Louis, and surnamesakes
67. _ date (Food label info)
68. Recipe's oil source, perhaps
69. Dita Von _ (Queen of Burlesque)

70. Play- _
71. Precept

DOWN

1. Tibetan ox
2. Supermodel Ms. Herzigova
3. Ventilate
4. "Way cool."

12. Phase
13. Styles
18. Tiara twinklers
22. Shoemaker's tools
23. Fab Four created label
24. "West Side Story" (1961) role
25. Actor Jeremy
26. First big releases by writers, for example: 2 wds.
28. Dramatist's realm
31. Hi- _ graphics
33. On the road
35. Decorator on TV Mr. Berkus
37. Model of perfection
38. Chutzpah
39. Spoiled, _ on
42. _-d'Or, Quebec
44. "I'd consider _ honour..."
47. Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace
48. Terse
49. Neil _ (Rush band member)
50. "Kate & _" ('80s sitcom)
51. Jelly: French
53. Change shape
56. Hotfooted it
58. Gait at the stables
61. Cubed food flavouring brand
62. " _ Buttermilk Sky" by Hoagy Carmichael
63. Yang's counterpart
64. " _ Maria"
65. Tennis call

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You will have to confront your feelings about someone you deal with on a daily basis. You may not like them much but in some way your fates are linked, so do what you can to keep things friendly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Slow down. You have been pushing yourself extremely hard and, yes, you have accomplished a lot. But after every period of exertion must come a period of rest, so take a break!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Feelings of self-doubt that have been holding you back are sure to be swept away today, tomorrow and this weekend. Get over your fear of losing and great things will come.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A loved one or relative has been a real pain recently but you have an obligation to help them, even when their troubles are self-inflicted. You will be called on to make even more sacrifices over the next few days. Do so willingly.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The line between helping a friend and interfering in their personal affairs may at times be difficult to judge but if someone you know needs assistance today you must ride to their rescue.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how well things are going financially don't take chances with what you own and earn.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Mars moving into your sign today means it is time to get active. Knuckle down, work hard and start getting ahead in whatever field you wish to make your mark.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you need assistance, ask for it. If you pretend that nothing is wrong others will assume that you are on top of things and will not help.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need a challenge and you are about to get it. Most likely it will be the kind of challenge that you cannot handle on your own, so it will encourage you to seek help from like-minded people. You cannot be self-sufficient all the time.

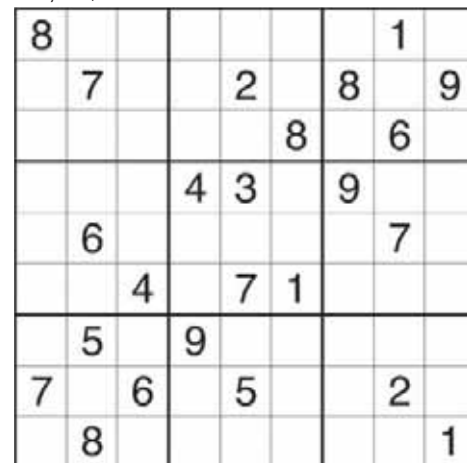
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There are times when you have to roll up your sleeves and get involved. Mars moving into the career area of your chart means you will get the chance to impress important people. Don't waste it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't limit your imagination. If you can dream it you can be it with Mars in Libra between now and the end of the year.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You cannot turn back the clock and change the past but you can learn from your experiences. Also, promise yourself that both now and in the future you won't let so many great opportunities go begging.

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